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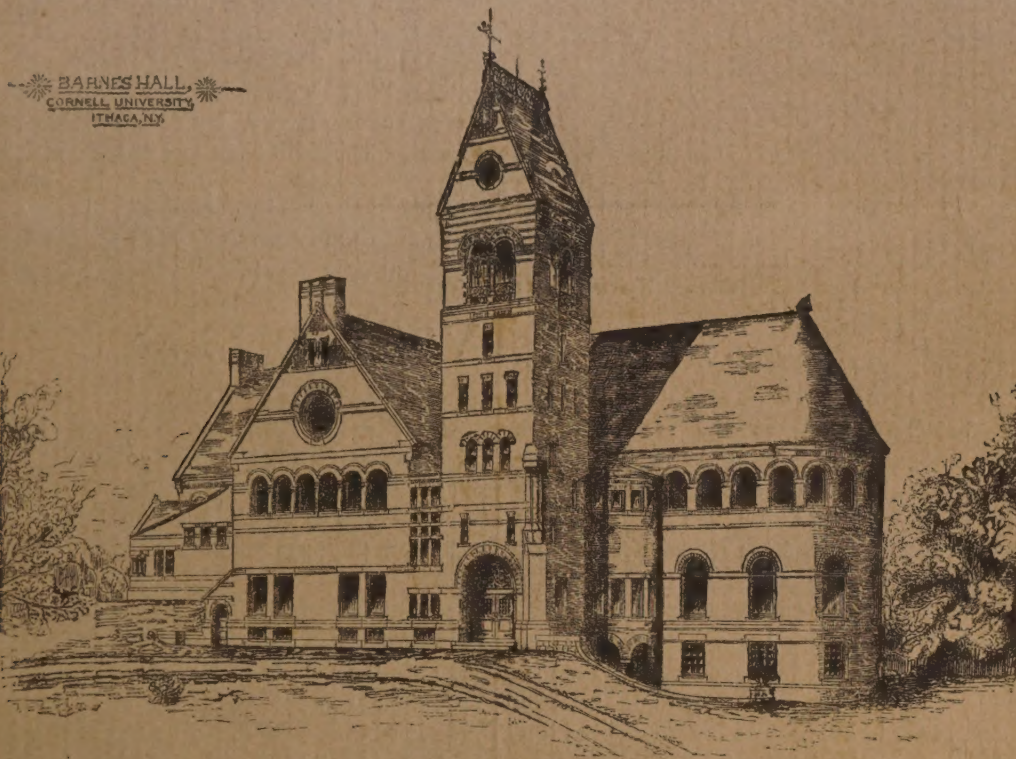
OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

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BARNES Hall is the name of the new and elegant building of the Cornell University Association. It is in the main the gift of A. S. Barnes, Esq., a university trustee, and will cost, when furnished, fully \$60,000.

It is situated in the middle of the campus on the summit of the hill overlooking the beautiful Cayuga Lake Valley. The hall is built of brick with blue stone trimmings. The accompanying cut will sufficiently illustrate the exterior.

The basement contains, besides furnace and store-rooms, four suites of student rooms which will be furnished and rented; thus furnishing a revenue of at least \$500 per year.

Entering the south door of the first floor, one first sees the secretary's office. Adjoining this is a cozy room in which the archives of the various boards and committees will be preserved, and

in which they will hold their sessions. To the right and occupying the entire west end of this floor is the large reception room. It has eight windows looking out upon the lake, and is fitted up with fire-places. This is designed to be the students' resort for all times. It will contain files of the leading secular and religious papers. The east end of this story is given up to three class-rooms each with a different seating capacity; a ladies' parlor, and a library.

The large auditorium takes up almost all of the second story and has a seating capacity of about 700. Separated from it by a screen is another large class-room which is designed to form a part of the main auditorium when necessary. The rooms in the third and fourth stories of the tower will probably be used as the private apartments of the secretary and librarian.

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Broadside I.

THE IDEAL COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.

RABINOWITZ began the recent Jewish movement toward Christianity by proclaiming, "the key to the Holy Land is in the hands of Jesus our brother." I would say that the key to the ideal College Association *is in the mind of Christ*. The injunction, "see that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount" applies to this work that we are building for God in the colleges. There is a pattern, an ideal, and that ideal is in the mind of the Master builder. I do not know what it is, for I have not been long enough with him alone in the mount. But I know that the plan is not of human origin. It is like a bud to one who has never seen the flower. He is amazed at its unfolding. One passage of Scripture seems to me to be characteristic of the ideal College Association: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (*I. John i: 3.*)

Four things are prominent: (1) The controlling principle of cohesion, *fellowship*. The Ideal College Association will manifest a *fellowship* by which all its members will stand and work together as one man.

(2) The mode of action, *testimony* (concerning things we know).

(3) The object, to bring men into fellowship

with Christ. Its members will give a testimony both in life and work to the realities of Christ and of Christianity.

(4) The secret of activity, *assurance*. They will have *assurance* of their own fellowship with Christ—"Walking in the light as He is in the light, and having fellowship one with another." This assurance will manifest itself in a continuous activity, both in worship and in service. They will have one object, which will be, to bring every unsaved man within the radius of their influence into a living faith in Christ, and fellowship with Him, and with marked exception they will do it. C. K. O.

YOU ask for two or three hundred words on college Young Men's Christian Association work. Here they are:

Object.—To develop the highest life—the whole life—of every man who enters the college. Was there ever a more inspiring aim?

Method.—Organization to do this methodically and thoroughly, and with sustained enthusiasm.

1st Officers—(a.) The President is not a presiding officer in the main. His work is vital. He should expect to give the work as much time and thought as the editor of the college paper gives his work, and surely he can as well afford to do it. Such work will repay him in his own development as largely as the editor is repaid, and I think more largely. His position is laborious, calls for widest range of sympathies, and the greatest versatility.

(b.) Chairman of Committees.—These are *specialists*—enthusiasts in their line; men who take the places with a just conception of the difficulties involved. It is their *business* to meet those difficulties with all the earnestness and versatility of a real estate dealer or the successful merchant. Can a student conscientiously afford to take the time to do this work well? Did n't he come to school to study? My experience and observation leads me to believe that he will show *better* results in *class* work, and I know that he will be more of a man, if he is taking hold of some practical work and making a success of it. Trust me, I am not mistaken in this thing.

2d. The Work.—Given a good president and good chairmen, Mr. Editor, and there is nothing we cannot do. They will plan in view of all the possibilities of their peculiar fields. They will secure the effort to meet all the obstacles. With hints from the College Secretary, the State Secretary, the State Conventions, the *Watchman* and THE INTERCOLLEGIAN, the men whose motto is "Plans to Possibilities; Effort to Obstacles," must succeed. It is one of God's natural laws. Has he not established it that harvest shall follow the plowing and the seed-sowing?

Yours very truly,

C. G. BALDWIN.

Inductive Bible Studies.

THE Bible is the only safe foundation on which to build an enduring Christian character. College men no less than others need to study it that their understanding and appreciation of its contents and spirit may keep pace with their progress in other departments of knowledge. We have long felt this demand for intellectual, as well as devotional and practical Bible study. We know of no developed system of intellectual Bible study, so well adapted to the needs of college men as that prepared by Prof. W. R. Harper and published in the *Old Testament Student*. We very heartily commend this system to College Associations and urge that classes be formed for the study of it.

SEPTEMBER, 1888.

C. K. OBER.

J. R. MOTT.

THE Week of Prayer for Young Men, appointed by the World's Conference and the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations, and now very generally observed by the Associations in all lands, occurs this year, November 11-17th. Every College Association should arrange to observe, at least, the Day of Prayer, Sunday, November 11th. Circulars, with suggestions how to observe the season, have been sent out from the office of the International Committee to every College Association.

AT the annual meeting of the State General Association of Congregational churches, held in East Derry, N. H., September 11-13th, so much interest was awakened in reference to the Association building at Dartmouth College, that five persons pledged on the spot \$100 each, and a committee was appointed to appeal to the churches of the State to furnish funds for the object.—*Ex.*

THERE are forty new members for the Association from the entering class at DARTMOUTH COLLEGE. Daily noon prayer meetings are held. Two district meetings are maintained. A church at Olcott's Falls, Vt., formed this Summer as a result of work done there for three years by the students. The outlook for a building is excellent.

SELDOM is it the privilege of college men to listen to such a profound and spiritual series of sermons and addresses as was given from the Northfield platform this year. Among the many addresses and sermons which made a lasting impression on every thinking man were the Holy Spirit by Mr. Moody, Oriental Side-lights on the Ten Commandments, by Henry Clay Trumbull of the *Sunday School Times*, the Inductive Method of Bible Study, by Professor W. R. Harper, of Yale, Consecration by J. Hudson Taylor of the China Island Mission, the Seventy, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. John A. Broadus's sermon on the Resurrection and also his exposition of the first eight chapters of Romans, and Dr. Alexander McKenzie's eloquent and profound sermons on Jesus Christ. Mr. Moody's question box was packed with practical advice and inspiration about Bible study and all phases of Christian life and work.

REV. DR. JOHN A. BROADUS has been invited to deliver the sermon at Princeton on the Day of Prayer for Colleges in January. He also delivers this year, the Lyman Beecher course of lectures to the Yale Theological Seminary.

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THE INTERCOLLEGIAN for 1888-'89, desires to thank its friends in all the colleges, who have consented so readily to contribute and subscribe. It desires to be successful, practical, helpful, newsy and bright. It will be all these things, and to an increasing degree, if only a large constituency will rally around it.

OUR correspondents must bear with us if they find that we have omitted a portion of the material sent by them. Our space is limited, and we can print only such notes as seem most interesting to college men at large.

WE call attention to the Broadside on the Ideal College Association, on our second page, as containing many hints which will be of use to Associations which wish to rank as well-developed and active organizations. We shall print another on the Christian Students' Working Library, in our next issue.

ALL will read with pleasure the letter from Mr. Smith, of Oxford, in this issue, and look forward with interest to the suggestions he has promised.

Special Evangelistic Work in the Colleges.

MR. S. M. SAYFORD, formerly the State Secretary of the Massachusetts Young Men's Christian Associations, has, for the past six years, been devoting his entire time to gospel work, and is well-known through this country as an eminently wise, attractive and successful evangelist. Mr. Moody says of him: "He is the best man of my acquaintance for special evangelistic work among students." President Seelye of Amherst College, gives similar testimony. In a number of instances where Mr. Sayford has been conducting a work in a college town, the students have incidentally received great benefit. In one important Eastern college during the past Winter, this was true in such a marked degree, that a very urgent call has come to Mr. Sayford to give his entire time, for one college year, to work among students. Impressed with the importance of the work, he has consented to put aside all other engagements for a year, and will consider calls to colleges for visits of from one to two weeks each. Mr. Sayford began his work at Amherst College, September 16th. From there he went to Madison University, October 2d, where he was accompanied by Professor and Mrs. Towner, whose singing at the Mount Hermon and Northfield students' meetings contributed so much to the success of those gatherings. It is possible that Professor Towner and his wife may also be with him at several other colleges. Mr. Sayford has requested that all colleges desiring a visit from him should correspond with Mr. Ober, the College Secretary, whose permanent address will be at 40 East 23d Street, New York city. We wish to call the attention of the college students to this rare opportunity for special help in their religious work. We understand that by a special effort on the part of a group of students in one college, who had been helped by Mr. Sayford's work, it has been made possible for the contemplated work of the year to be carried on without expense to the colleges visited, beyond that of a voluntary offering toward expenses. Special prayer for this work is requested.

The Northfield Meeting for College Students.

(FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIAN.)

THE third annual gathering of the members of the College Young Men's Christian Association, for the purpose of Bible study and conference about Christian work, was held at Northfield, Mass., during the first two weeks of July. Nearly a hundred colleges were represented by over four hundred students. Men were there not only from all parts of this country and Canada. Also from the European universities; and even from Asia, Africa and South America came representative students and missionaries. The number in attendance was increased by pastors, college professors, philanthropists and prominent Association workers.

THE European students from Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Utrecht Universities, who came at the personal invitation of Mr. Wishard, were cordially received, and made a strong impression upon the American delegates. Their manly bearing, their thorough consecration and the emphasis they laid upon the religious life, gave them a remarkable influence.

MR. MOODY once more presided at the meetings. This meant life, vigor and interest in all the proceedings. He put his whole soul into the work. Not only did he give his entire time and the use of the seminary buildings and grounds to the students, but was also constantly on the alert to see that not even a detail was neglected. Mr. Moody is getting a tremendous hold on the college men of this country,—just as he did in Britain a few years ago.

THE singing led by Professor Towner and wife (and at times by Mr. Sankey), supported by a male choir of forty, swelled by 400 student voices, "was alone enough to pay one for coming from New York to hear it," as one of the distinguished visitors from that city expressed it.

AN hour each morning was devoted to the discussion of Association topics of special interest to college men. How to Reach and Hold New Students, the Gospel Meeting, the Bible Training Class, the Secret of Successful Organization in Christian Work, Social Purity, Deputation Work, the General Secretaryship, and many other topics were thoroughly treated. The conference was fortunate in having present International Secretary R. C. Morse, and State Secretaries Hall, of New York, Gordon, of Connecticut, and Humphrey, of Indiana, and also College Evangelist S. M. Sayford, to assist in these morning conferences.

THE missionary meetings "on the hill back of Mr. Moody's house" at sunset, were pervaded by a deep and quickening spirit. No one can estimate the influence in these meetings of that man of God—Hudson Taylor; but, as usual, Robert P. Wilder, the leader of the Students' Volunteer Missionary Movement, was the moving spirit in spreading missionary enthusiasm. Owing to the unanimous call of this conference, Mr. Wilder has decided to give another year of his time to extending and strengthening the missionary work among the colleges of the country.

WHO will forget the delegation prayer meetings? Nearly every college or state delegation held one at the close of each day, where prayer was offered for the home college. As a consequence, the men have gone back to their colleges, bound together by the strongest possible tie, determined to make their lives tell (for Christ) as never before among their fellow students.

THE sad and sudden death of Charles L. Griggs, of the Cornell delegation, cast a heavy shadow over the Conference. At the same time it deepened the impression of the religious instruction, and gave to the Conference an intensity of spirit which was felt to the closing day.

IT will be impossible to mention all the results of this, the most successful of all the college conferences yet held. But some things are evident: It gave every one there a remarkable spiritual uplift. The delegates went from Northfield in love with the Word of God, and with their minds made up to make it the great book of their daily study. Every one was impressed as never before with the thought of his personal responsibility before God for the souls of his fellow students. All present received a broader conception of College Young Men's Christian Association as a movement for the salvation of the young men of the world, and of the vast importance of Christian college men standing together in the great conflict between good and evil. The influence of 400 college men fired with such ideas as these cannot be foretold. *Delegates!* Let us not forget the key note of the conference—*individual work!!*

Christian College Graduates Abroad.

OF the more than seventy college students who, at the Mount Hermon meeting for Bible study, two years ago, offered themselves for the foreign missionary work, Silver of Princeton had an opportunity to test the sincerity of his purpose before that meeting adjourned. The call came for a missionary teacher for Ceylon. He offered himself, was accepted by the Board, and before Princeton opened in September was on his way to his chosen field. Within a few days of the beginning of the second students' gathering, at Northfield, in July, 1887, there came a rumor that in a certain missionary field of great importance there were openings for Christian college graduates to fill positions as teachers at living salaries, where, outside of school hours, there would be unobstructed opportunity for Christian work. Remembering the instance referred to of the year before, unsuccessful attempts were made to get more definite knowledge concerning these openings. Then a cablegram went out in Mr. Moody's name requesting particular information, which, owing to the absence from his station of the missionary to whom it was sent, was not received by him until

after the adjournment of the Northfield meeting. But the receipt of this cablegram awakened an expectancy and a hope in the minds of the missionaries and other Christian people in that field and led to an urgent and reiterated call to Mr. Moody to help the cause of Christ in that land by using his influence to get the right men to fill these important positions. At Mr. Moody's request and in co-operation with him, a committee of gentlemen have endeavored to respond to this call, and already *ten recent members of our College Association have gone out*, and have commenced their work in this important field.

At Northfield, 1888.

I.

(From one of the English Delegation.)

(FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIAN.)

IT was indeed a New World into which we entered on June 29th of this year. We had had stormy weather on the Atlantic, but on the whole it had been a most pleasant and joyful voyage. Our party consisted of twelve students from four universities—five from Oxford, three from Cambridge, three from Edinburgh and one from Utrecht, Holland—and we soon found that while many churches and many creeds might be represented, a true and real unity of spirit might still remain and predominate. This was much, and yet we were scarcely prepared for the wonderful object-lesson of Christian unity so soon to be presented to us at Northfield. Nor had we expected to find ourselves so courteously entertained and cared for immediately on landing. No sooner were we in dock than we found our hands shaken by kind friends of the New York Young Men's Christian Association and others who had come to meet us. Specially grateful were we to Mr. Reynolds of Yale, who, on the very day and hour of the eventful boat race had come all the way to New York to bear us kindly greetings from Yale and to request us to go there en route for the Summer school. Next morning most of us found ourselves amid the elms of New Haven, and making our first direct acquaintance with American college life and insti-

tutions. The most striking feature to all of us was the obvious strength and resources of the College Young Men's Christian Association. We have nothing of the sort in England, where most of us agree to differ and work on denominational lines. At Yale we found many men of many minds all at one in the Young Men's Christian Association, and it was worth coming 3,000 miles to see the handsome and commodious Dwight Hall.

Some of us will never forget the journey to Northfield in the "special car" of the Yale delegation. It was our first experience of American railway traveling, and all was most strange. But it was the revelation of American student feeling and character that impressed us most.

The meetings at Northfield were so astonishingly interesting and varied that it is hard to know where to begin. It was easy to see how potent was the spell of D. L. Moody on all things there, and what a magnificent influence he exerts—so energetic, so sensible, so sympathetic, and, above all, so human. "Marvelous man!" said a metaphysical Scotchman of our party, who was reading philosophy heavily all the way over, "how I should like to get inside him for twenty-four hours!" But then it was not only D. L. Moody alone, other men were full of interest—*e. g.*, Clay Trumbull, Alexander McKenzie, Dr. Broadus and Professor Harper of Yale. All had their lessons to teach, and we felt that they were indeed "teachers sent from God!"

It was good to come within the direct influence of the student's volunteer missionary movement, and to meet with Robert Wilder and other enthusiastic spirits. We had heard about it in a dim sort of way, but here it was before us—a movement genuine and far-reaching. Exaggerated statements may have been made, but at the core it is sound and full of infinite promise for the kingdom of Christ. Then the morning conferences on Young Men's Christian Association work were replete with interest and suggestion. We keenly felt how far we were behind in many of these matters, and our eyes were opened to many possibilities.

But my space is gone, and I wanted to make a

few suggestions and criticisms. These must come later.

NORMAN H. SMITH.

OXFORD, England.

(*To be concluded in next issue.*)

Notes from the College Field.

THE WEST.

CARLETON COLLEGE begins the year with encouraging prospects.

MACALESTER COLLEGE Association, Minn., means this year to *work*. The aim, "Every student for Christ."

The Association of the KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY is less than a year old, but it was organized for *work*. Its prospects are good. Ten delegates are going to the State Convention.

At RIPON COLLEGE "neighborhood work" is a prominent feature.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. The attendance at the Gospel Meeting the first Sunday of the term was the largest since the organization of the Association; 450 persons were present at the opening reception. There are three Bible training classes. Twenty-four new members have already been received. The students are giving generously for a new building.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE, Ill., reports special interest in the cause of missions. One of the members is going to a foreign field.

A new feature of the work of the UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS for the coming year will be the pushing of the White Cross movement.

At ILLINOIS COLLEGE all the committees are hard at work. The outlook for the year is good. An interesting paper by the delegate to Northfield gave a new impetus to the work.

KNOX COLLEGE can be counted on for fifteen or twenty students in case of the formation of "a new Northfield" Conference at Lake Geneva, for those who cannot go to Massachusetts. The Western fellows need the drill and inspiration of such a Conference.

ALBION COLLEGE, Mich., opens with bright prospects for a year of marked success.

Old members are enthusiastic in the work, and new students are eager to join the Association. The Bible training classes promise to be fuller in interest and richer in profit than ever before.

The work at OLIVET opens up brightly. The Association of the college issued a very neat and complete "Student's Manual," at the opening of the term.

MIDDLE STATES.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE, O., has an enterprising Association. Last year by personal subscription they maintained a young Japanese at the seminary in Japan.

At the first meeting of the year at the OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY the membership was nearly doubled. Here is a great work to be accomplished and there are earnest students to do it.

THE SOUTH.

The Association of the SOUTH WEST PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, Tenn., begins the year splendidly. The reception committee did good work. Mr. H. E. Brown of the International Committee was present at the state convention held at Clarksville and gave new life and impetus to the Association. Money is being raised for a Young Men's Christian Association Hall on the Campus.

The UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA reports increased activity for the Master as a result of Mr. Olandt's series of meetings last Spring. The Association hopes for a building in the near future.

At CENTRAL COLLEGE, Mo., the morning prayer meeting of fifteen minutes is being richly blessed. Motto for the year "to save every unconverted boy in school." There is an increase of interest in Bible study.

The average membership at HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE, Va., includes three-fifths of the students. The meetings are warm and interesting. There is much missionary zeal. The delegation sent to Northfield have brought home a blessing.

EVERY member of the Association at EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE, Va., is at work.

THE EAST.

PRINCETON COLLEGE.—The year opens with 400 members of the Young Men's Christian Association. The band of volunteers for the mission field numbers twenty-five. Vigorous deputation work is planned.

At RUTGER'S COLLEGE, N. J., there is intense earnestness among the students, and increased interest in missionary work. Plans are being made for "Deputation Work."

LA FAYETTE COLLEGE, Pa. The delegates to Northfield have come home with quickened love and zeal for the Master. There are thirty members from among the new students, and more are being constantly added. The class prayer meetings are being largely attended, and a signal interest pervades them.

An important work is being done among the new students at CORNELL UNIVERSITY, N. Y. Three hundred new men have visited the rooms and consulted the boarding-house register. Secretary Mott has made 'valuable suggestions to a daily workers' meeting. There are strong Christian workers among the new additions to the Faculty.

At COLBY, Me., there is greater interest in the religious work of the college than there has been for years at the opening of the Fall term. A large delegation is going to the state convention. "Colby for Christ."

YALE UNIVERSITY opens well. Over two hundred Freshmen attended the first prayer meeting of the year. A. A. Stagg, is the General Secretary this year. Deputation work abroad and in the missions of the city are the special features of the Fall work.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

JAFFNA COLLEGE, Ceylon, reports a vigorous revival. "Several boys have come out of heathenism."

CENTRAL TURKEY COLLEGE, Aintab, sends in a detailed report of the past year's work. We regret that we cannot print it entire in this issue. Work is carried on in five different districts and the Gospel preached to not less than six or seven hundred per week. What Association can show a worthier record?

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WE regret that our usual cut is missing from this number. We were disappointed in obtaining one of a suitable size, and appropriate to the INTERCOLLEGIAN. In place of the cut, however, we have some items which we think will be of interest to all.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, of the University of New Brunswick, states that the aggressive Christian work carried on this year by the College Young Men's Christian Association has entirely done away with hazing in that institution.

THE five college associations represented at the Maine State Convention reported at least sixty-three conversions during the last year. If the associations throughout the country did as well they could report over 3,500 converts. But even that number would look small by the side of the number of men who have gone out from our colleges *unsaved* within the same time.

IT will interest our readers to know that J. T. Swift, Yale, '84, one of the men who have gone to Japan as teachers within the past year, is the secretary of a movement among missionaries and educated Japanese toward Bible study of a first-class order. They are to begin by studying or reviewing the original Hebrew and Greek under correspondence instruction.

MR. E. G. DERBY, the General Secretary of the Boston Intercollegiate Association, has introduced a feature, novel to college work, in the shape of an employment bureau for the benefit of students with more brains than means. As temporary clerks, copyists, reporters, or tutors many college men turn an honest penny. Why should not every large association organize a bureau to create a demand for them and to furnish the supply?

MR. R. P. WILDER, so well known as the organizer and promoter of the "Students' Volunteer Missionary Movement," has consented to devote another year to college visitation in the interest of foreign missions. His object will be, not so much to arouse missionary zeal, as to confirm what has already been developed. Mr. Wilder does this at a real personal sacrifice, for his heart is in his chosen work in India. He goes out with the understanding that it will be *for one year only*, and expecting that another man will take his place next year.

THE college associations of the Maritime Provinces which have been very largely deprived of the advantages of conventions and of the Summer School for students, owing to their geographical position, have decided to strengthen their intercollegiate tie this year by exchanging visits with one another. They are also agitating the question of holding a college conference early next year.

THE Maine State Convention was held with the Bowdoin College Association. This, we believe, is the first time that a college association has entertained a State Convention. The college authorities adjourned all exercises during the time of the convention.

COMMENCING with next January the Y. M. C. A. *Watchman* will be issued weekly. S. A. Taggart, an Association leader of ability and experience will be the editor, and it will undoubtedly enter upon a new era of usefulness. Subscriptions will be *renewed* before January 1st for \$1.00 per year. Thereafter it will cost \$1.50.

The Bulletin Board.

New College Associations.

Spokane College.....	Wash. Ter.
Bates College	Lewiston, Me.
Lenox College	Hopkinton, Iowa
Central University.....	Richmond, Ky.
Phillips Academy	Andover, Mass.
College of Montana.....	Deer Lodge, Mont.
Trinity College.....	Randolph, N. C.
Wake Forest College	Wake Forest, N. C.

College Conferences.

New England, Worcester, Mass.,.....February 21-23.

The Universities of Great Britain.

THERE are certain things in the life and surroundings of British students which render aggressive Christian work very difficult. These same difficulties are, however, standing arguments in favor of attempting the work, which will largely consist in overcoming the obstacles. Among them we may mention the intense social distinctions which may render difficult coöperation between the nobility and commoners, and also between the many sub-classes of these two great divisions of society. It is not worth while for one American to try to describe this to another. It is almost impossible for him to understand it, much less explain it. It is this which naturally accounts for another peculiarity in the average Christian worker in England. Immediately after conversion, if he desires to engage in definite Christian work he almost invariably directs his efforts among those who are beneath him socially—I presume he does this because it is easier to approach an inferior than a superior. The former is partially won by the very condescension of the latter. It must also be remembered by those of us who call ourselves conservative, that conservatism is an Oriental

plant, and that our English cousins are three thousand miles and many hundred years nearer than we to the hot-bed where this not unmixed blessing to human nature is generated. Another difficulty, which is deplored nowhere more keenly than in England, consists in the fact that the vast majority of English students, as regards personal religion, have 'a name to live but are dead.' They have been enrolled in the State church, and this form of godliness which they wear renders it a very delicate matter to approach them and ask them to become Christians. These are among the reasons why no successful local or intercollegiate Christian organization has thus far been maintained in Great Britain. Something has been attempted; Cambridge has an Intercollegiate Christian Union, consisting of representatives from each of her colleges. This Union is really a committee which arranges meetings for prayer in the several colleges and has charge of evangelistic services, which are fairly well attended in the winter. Oxford has a similar Union. The two Universities maintain semi-annual inter-university convocations. Cambridge sends a delegation to Oxford early in the year, and Oxford returns the visit later. These gatherings are somewhat like, but more unlike, our conventions. They are very brief, lasting only a few hours. They are too formal, consisting of addresses, and lacking the spirited conversations which we find so profitable.

The Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow have Christian associations, but maintain no inter-university relations at all. It is to be hoped that they will soon.

The type of Christian manhood among the pronounced Christians is high. We have seen an embodiment of it in the delegation which attended our last Summer School. Those men and the many more like them have the ability, the consecration and the persistence to maintain a work fully equal to that in American colleges, and if they do take hold of it in earnest, their very conservatism will enable them to hold on to it forever. L. D. W.

Bible Study.

AT no time in the history of American colleges has there probably been as much Bible study by college men as there was during the last year. At no time has there been a more earnest search for the best methods of studying the Bible in college than there is today. Still, the department of Bible Study is the one which the majority of our Associations need to emphasize far more than ever. The secret of the success of any Association depends principally, if not entirely, upon its devotion to the Word of God. Does the meeting of the Association lack interest, definiteness and practical results? Then let the members, before coming to that meeting, come direct to the Bible and get a message for it. Let the leader use God's thoughts and words more than his own. Do the members feel indifferent concerning personal work, or are they conscious of their need of more skill, wisdom and tact in doing it? Start a Bible *training* class. Do your workers lack zeal and enthusiasm? Bring them in contact with that Book which has fired men in all ages to attempt great things for God.

Three kinds of Bible study should be specially emphasized by every Association:—

First,—An intellectual study of the Bible. According to this method the Bible is studied as any other great college text-book, for the sake of the knowledge it will furnish and the mental power it will give the student. The Bible is the most important book in this world. As a work on law, political economy, history, poetry, prophecy, biography, ethics, philosophy and theology—it has no superior. As constituting a literature in itself it is unsurpassed. Should it not, therefore, have a place in every student's scheme of knowledge? Considering the important position the Bible holds in the estimation and lives of men, can it consistently be neglected by the well rounded scholar? As the mind unfolds in its mastery of other great works of learning, it should keep equal pace in its investigation and comprehension of the Word of God.

Second,—A devotional study of the Bible. This line of study should be carried on with special reference to developing the religious life and experience of the Christian. It should also act as a spur, or quickening influence upon his work. Unless a student has some method of devotional study, he cannot grow in grace or in power. If a man would increase "in favor with God," as well as "in wisdom and stature," he must pay as much attention to his soul culture as to the development of his mind and body.

Third,—Study of the Bible which prepares one for personal work. College is the best place that a man will find in life for doing personal work. The circumstances are most favorable. The men upon whom he works are to be most influential, for good or for evil, after they leave college; and if they are not reached in college, seldom, if ever, are they reached in after years. To lead a soul intelligently and hopefully to Christ requires a particular and practical knowledge of the Bible. "He that winneth souls is wise"—*must be wise* that he may win them. If you use the Word of God, you labor not in vain. "My Word shall not return unto me void," is a promise which never failed.

Let us have more Bible study (along these three lines) in all our Associations. Let it be the emphatic point in this year's work. If our Associations give themselves up to an intelligent, devout, practical study of the Word of God, we shall have live and telling meetings, active and constant personal work, genuine and contagious missionary enthusiasm, consistent and consecrated living.

J. R. M.

ALL students who read "Robert Elsmere" and are troubled by its assumptions should read the review of it by Wm. E. Gladstone, and the sermon about it by Rev. Lyman Abbott, in the *Christian Union* of October 25. The novel is brilliant and of absorbing interest, but far behind the sound critical scholarship of our day.

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WE call attention to the reports from Southern Associations! Are the Northern students to be outdone in this way in matters of membership and activity?

WE are pleased to announce that a Young Men's Christian Association has been established at Bates College in the place of the old Christian Union. It has started out with a thoroughly aggressive work. Already there are signs of a spiritual awakening among the unconverted in the college.

CHEERING reports of spiritual quickening come from every quarter. Let the good work go on! There are thousands of college men, susceptible to wise influences, responsive to noble, manly, sympathetic appeals from genuine Christians, and needing only a frank and urgent influence to bring them into allegiance to the best things. One who tries such work should ponder over James i. 5-8. There is no real hindrance save one's unwillingness to speak to his friends on religious topics. Will this hesitancy ever seem anomalous?

IT was our privilege recently to spend an evening at the Association Training School, at Springfield. Probably few college men realize its importance and character, or feel that it bears any relation to them. The claims, however, of the work for the young men of America, will henceforth be pressed home on Christian college men as never before. Those who consecrate themselves to the work will find that however great their intellectual or spiritual equipment they will be greatly hindered by a weakness in practical details. In such matters as these, 'one hour of Mr. Bowne is worth a hundred theories,' and such prospective Secretaries will find a short sojourn in the School highly profitable. We never met a brighter, more earnest, clean-cut set of students nor felt more strongly the growing dignity and value of the Association work at large.

NEARLY as strong as the genuine pleasure with which our English college friends were greeted at Northfield last summer is the curiosity with which their kindly criticism has been awaited. The Summer School does not claim perfection, it seeks it; and the criticism of friends is as welcome as commendation. We will not comment on the letter except to say that the adoption by a large number of our College Associations of the Inductive Studies this year shows that there does exist a wide-spread demand for broad, thorough systematic Bible-study.

AT Chautauqua this summer it was said that in one college at least the problem of Systematic Bible Study by students had been handled with success, and had led to the development of a large number of life-long, enthusiastic, intelligent Bible-students. How this result may best be reached is our constant and greatest problem in College Christian Work. Dr. J. B. Shearer, now Pres. of Davidson College, N. C., the author and promoter of this successful scheme, consented to write an article for the INTERCOLLEGIAN embodying his experience, which we

print on another page. Dr. Shearer has published an interleaved Bible Syllabus for the practical furtherance of his College Bible Work which we shall notice at some length in our next issue.

At Northfield, 1888.

II.

(From one of the English Delegation.)

(FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIAN.)

THERE were many things at Northfield that struck us as most excellent; there were also a few defects from our point of view. One of the most astonishing things was the singing. We were surprised at the heartiness and volume of it, and at the large amount of time devoted to it. That all life should be touched with music is a grand ideal and we felt that American students had gone further toward its attainment than we had. Still, with all due respect, it did perpetually strike us that the character of both music and words might have been more elevated. With such a large number of excellent singers, why should not, for instance, gems from the great religious oratorios have been sung occasionally? Surely an audience of such quality would have appreciated music of a truly high type.

Some of us were particularly grateful for the Young Men's Christian Association meetings for conference held each morning. Valuable suggestions were then rife and we came away much impressed with the thorough organization and vast extent of the College Association Work. We shall all strive to imitate, as opportunity and power is granted, such a grand example of Christian unity among students. We have much yet to accomplish here in England in this direction, and many obstacles, unknown happily in the United States, lie thickly in the way.

One feature of the College work struck most of us as somewhat exaggerated, viz: the Bible Training Class. It is an excellent idea

in itself and must be of immense *practical* value, but the impression we received—and it possibly may be quite erroneous—was that, for the most part, college students were satisfied with the somewhat meagre programme of Bible-study followed in these Classes. We felt that, for the true grounding of character in the teaching and thought of Christ, much more thorough, far-reaching and complete study would be desirable. Of course this is done by individuals, but one would have thought that in connection with every College Association there would have been a strong Bible-class under the direction of the strongest possible teacher and leader, for systematic study. Later on we were glad to learn that this sort of class is aimed at in the well-known system of Dr. Harper, and it is to be hoped that his system may spread and prevail.

In conclusion, we must once more thank the college men of America for their cordial invitation and welcome, and assure all whom we met that we have learned lessons never to be forgotten from our short visit. Some of us hope to return, but "who knows the pathways?" In any case we know that beyond the seas men live and work, fighting for the same good cause, inspired by the same faith, the same hope, the same charity.

NORMAN H. SMITH.

Oxford, England.

THE Iowa State Convention began a day earlier than usual this year and gave nearly a whole day to College Work. There were 95 college delegates from 15 Associations, reporting a membership of over 600 young men and 143 that gave evidence of conversion this past year. These delegates voted unanimously that the plan of uniting with the State Convention was preferable to the holding of a separate conference. Maine reports a similar and equally gratifying experiment. These are decided steps toward the real unity of our Association work. The "College hour" is no proper recognition of the College Work.

Bible Study in College.

(FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIAN.)

MR. EDITOR:—

You were kind enough to ask me for my views on the best method of making thorough Bible study feasible and helpful to busy college students. I suspect that you want no unverified theories. Your request is predicated on my long experience in teaching the English Bible to college classes, and you evidently ask for the results of actual experience. I have taught for eighteen years where Biblical Instruction has been made a necessary part of every student's course, requiring as much time, and enforced by the same sanctions as the severe studies. I would feel prepared to dictate methods for similar conditions. I have published my course of Lessons and expounded my methods to some extent. I am aware, however, you want methods of wider application, such as can be adopted by your Christian Associations, composed of busy students. You want methods practicable and feasible, and you want to secure thorough Bible study. You want methods that can be worked on the voluntary principle apart from the authority, sanctions, and rewards of the college course. The problem is a most difficult one. My experience has been that mere amateur work in College has been a failure, unless it be something of the nature of base ball, boating, etc.; and even in these things, but few attain to excellence as mere amateurs. Allow me, however, to state a few principles and facts which I have verified by experience, and which may help to solve the problem before us, and so secure the largest and best results.

1. Students desiring to prosecute Bible study should be organized into classes, and secure a competent teacher. A teacher is as necessary here as in other departments, all of which are manned with the best men attainable. This need not be argued.

2. If this be impracticable, then let each class select a leader out of their own number, one full of consecration and enthusiasm, with sound discretion and a strong faith; and let him be clothed by courtesy with all the authority necessary to secure unity of aim and effort. Similar leaders are often chosen for the outside activities of college life and are chosen with reference to their fitness for the special duties imposed, and the results are often eminently satisfactory. Why may not a class-leader in Bible study attain similar success?

3. Bible classes must devote sufficient time to their work, and that outside of the doctrinal and devotional work of the Sabbath. One recitation a week is not enough to accomplish thorough work during the college life of the student. Three recitations a week, or at the least two, are necessary to co-ordinate Bible study with other branches of learning. In importance it ranks second to none; why crowd it into insufficient space?

Such are its relations to all sound learning, that nothing would be lost by inserting it bodily into a scheme of study already apparently full. Its direct influence on the mind and heart of the student also would enable him to accomplish more in a term of years in a mere secular learning, than he could have done without it.

4. I need hardly say that the Bible classes must appropriate enough money in this direction to purchase needed books; and, if necessary, to pay the teacher or the leader. No one expects to escape expense in prosecuting any other branch of learning; why then in this? We value little what costs nothing, and the obligation to faithful work by the teacher who gets no pay, is apt to decline to a perfunctory minimum.

5. Make the English Bible the text-book, to the neglect of the great mass of Biblical literature which crowds every library. A Bible Dictionary, a Bible Geography and Atlas, and a concordance are needed. A good Teacher's Bible combines many helps in one volume. The text-book practically limits the range of study of the college student, and ought to do so; at least, the mastery of the text-book is a *sine qua non*, whether it be algebra, grammar, or Horace. The Bible then should so occupy the student as a text-book, that he will master the contents of the sacred page, rather than the multitudinous speculations about it. Study the Bible rather than books about the Bible.

6. The class should follow the historical order in the study of the books and make the logic of facts and events the clue to all the rest, on the comparative method: this insures the constant study of the doctrinal and devotional books by constant reference, and to this end the concordance is far better than the commentary.

7. It is necessary to guard against Homiletics on the one hand, and technical Theology on the other. The ideal class in Bible study is neither a homiletical nor a theological class. The niceties of theological distinction, and the application of truth to the needs of others belong to a later stage, and are rather parts of a professional training. Concrete scripture, truth, and a Biblical theology chiefly claim the attention, and thus a sure foundation is laid for future building.

8. The class must assume at the outset the absolute inspiration of the Scriptures, putting them on the pedestal, and requiring every other branch of learning to make its obeisance to them. The sun, moon, and eleven stars made obeisance to Joseph because of his greatness both relative and absolute. So here. And in the interpretation of the Scriptures, the laws of language and the obvious teaching of common sense, furnish the sole criteria. Questions raised by an advanced criticism and a progressive theology, must be postponed until the mastery of the entire scriptures in their relations and proportions, shall enable one to grapple with such questions successfully.

9. When once this method is adopted, it will require resolution to adhere to it. There are so many fascina-

ting lines of study to lead the student away into parallel, if not divergent paths, to his great loss and damage. The skillful teacher will compel these side lines to illustrate and confirm Bible truth at a thousand points, while the studies of the class are mainly directed to the word itself. A method ought to be adopted therefore, and staunchly prosecuted. There are a few pioneer workers in the field. Let their methods and their courses be canvassed, for the formulated work of actual experience is always valuable.

J. B. SHEARER.

Davidson College, N. C.

Notes from the College Field.

THE WEST.

The Association at NAPA COLLEGE, Cal., has been organized for less than two years; but it is doing a fine work. The President and Secretary of the Association are the President and Vice-president of the athletic club. Napa believes in *stalwart* Christians.

The Association at WESTERN COLLEGE, Ia., was never so prosperous as now. Much good is being accomplished by the committee which takes a kindly interest in and cares for the boys who may be ill. The influence of the Northfield Summer School is reaching us through our delegate. We hope for a Northfield nearer home next year.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA gave a successful reception to new students. Gospel and prayer meetings well attended and full of interest. The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. are interested in securing \$15,000 for a building, \$3,000 of which is already subscribed.

At CENTRAL COLLEGE, Mo., there has always been a strong work. Only three graduates have been unconverted men, and a large proportion of temporary students have been and are led into Christian service. The Association holds a daily prayer meeting. Its Bible work is now under the direction of a member of the faculty, much to its betterment.

Rev. Sam Jones was instrumental in greatly stimulating the students of WESTMINSTER COLLEGE at Fulton, Mo., to a sense of personal responsibility for aggressive work for other young men. The outlook for a successful year was never better.

THE SOUTH.

The Association at WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE held a very enjoyable reception at the opening of the year. It reports three mission schools which are increasingly attended.

The ALLEGHENY COLLEGE Association misses a full score of zealous workers of last year—eleven will enter the ministry. Despite this loss the year is opening

brightly, careful systematic work being done. The Association is not only vigorous internally, but conducts three mission Sunday schools, besides regular services at the Jail and City Hospital. New students are carefully looked after always, but a special canvass is being conducted this year throughout the college, to ascertain its exact religious condition.

At WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY over two-thirds of the students belong to the Association. The Rev. R. J. McBryde, D.D., has consented to lead the class for Bible study, and large results are hoped for. We believe that our personal work will result in numerous conversions.

The work at the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA opens prosperously. The general religious interest is steadily on the increase. The Y. M. C. A. mans four mission Sunday Schools at varying distances from the University, thus reaching about 200 people every Sunday. The students' reading-room is made a special social feature, and fills a real need in the student life. There is a decided missionary interest.

The RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE Association reports already an enrollment of *150 students out of 175!* It has a unique feature in the "Ladies' Auxiliary," which it finds practically helpful. "Our rooms are fitted up in attractive and handsome style, and are far beyond those of any College Association in the State." The Association has two Bible training classes, has charge of seven churches in the vicinage, and holds religious meetings in the different cottages every other Saturday night, besides maintaining a flourishing song service, and an occasional missionary meeting.

"Nearly every student" of DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C., is connected with the Y. M. C. A., and its prayer meetings are unusually well attended. Two mission Sunday Schools are conducted near the village. The Association has a Sunday reading-room and library to which all students resort.

MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE has a level-headed organization. All the members form a membership committee, which brought in 34 new members at the first regular meeting this fall. The other committees are organized after the best men can be known. The work is in a gratifying condition. It is especially pleasant to note that the members of the faculty cooperate very heartily.

THE MIDDLE STATES.

BELOIT COLLEGE, Wisconsin, reports an encouraging condition of affairs this year. The Association is composed of manly fellows whose activity is warmly seconded by the Faculty. All classes of students turn out to the meetings. The carrying on of country Sunday Schools is the principal form of deputation work attempted.

The work in MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY at Ann Arbor is hopeful. In spite of a very rainy night over 600 attended the opening social. The new building, to cost \$35,000, is nearly ready for inside finish, and will be, not only the most beautiful structure in town, but finely adapted to the needs of the Christian students. It will probably be dedicated next Commencement. The need of a General Secretary is sorely felt.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY, Ohio, is doing a grand work. Eighty-eight per cent. of the students exert a decided Christian influence. The first meeting of the year was one of retrospect and purpose. Its leader voiced the sentiment of the Association when he said that, "this must be the *best year of all*." The meetings are varied in character, largely attended and well supported. Otterbein has contributed to the work many ministers, some missionaries, and a few city Association secretaries.

The Association at OHIO NORMAL UNIVERSITY, at Ada, Ohio, pays \$80 this year towards the State work. Four earnest and spiritual meetings for prayer are held each week. Large results are hoped for this year from the Week of Prayer. Last year some thirty conversions resulted from a series of meetings which began then.

EASTERN STATES.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, Vt., lost ten members by graduation last summer and has gained very few so far. It is hoped that the Vermont State Convention, which is to be held at Middlebury, will bring a spiritual blessing to the college.

In VERMONT UNIVERSITY a class in Inductive Studies on the Life and Times of the Christ, has been formed. The Association received lately a visit from J. B. Reynolds, of Yale University, much to its profit and pleasure.

VERMONT ACADEMY has an Association which goes into work with its sleeves rolled up. It has maintained for some time past in a hill town, frozen up by Universalism and Spiritualism, a service with an average attendance of one hundred. It rejoices in the hearty, practical coöperation of a large Y. W. C. A., and still better in that of the Principal, Professor Willard.

The Association at MAINE STATE COLLEGE has control of the regular college gymnasium. It is a valuable means of extending the influence of the organization. A fraternal visit is soon expected from the Bangor Young Men's Christian Association,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY is not fairly represented by the correspondent of the *N. A. Review*. The Association is growing into vigorous life. A good sized class has been formed in Inductive Studies, and the meetings are well attended. What Harvard needs is a beautiful building, set apart for the use of the Association.

The reception to Freshmen at WILLIAMS was given Sept. 8th. The address by President Carter, and the good fellowship were much enjoyed by all, and a number became members. 46 have joined the Association lately, making a total of 188. The deputation work, so successful last year, will be extended this year.

AMHERST COLLEGE carries on Christian work in five out-stations. So many men desire to share in the privilege of assisting that new stations are being sought out. In Bible Study, three classes have taken up the Inductive Lessons, and one class studies Acts, all four being under members of the Faculty. Some results of Mr. S. M. Sayford's faithful work at the opening of the term are already manifest, and many more are expected. Numerous invitations for deputations have been received.

The past year's work at BROWN has been encouraging. During February and March six popular services were held in the city, addressed by prominent ministers. These were crowded to excess. In May, at a mass meeting of students, about \$700 annually was pledged for the support of a foreign missionary, and in October, C. G. Hartsock, '89, was chosen as the representative. He expects to leave in June for the Congo Valley. Dr. Robinson has begun a largely attended series of Sunday evening studies on the Book of James.

Unusual activity prevails among Christians this year at WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown. The meetings are crowded and brisk. The year's campaign has been so laid out as to give especial stress to class prayer meetings and deputation work. State Secretary Gordon made a helpful address in October.

At SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY the monthly missionary meetings, given variety and interest by the participation of some Japanese students, are of special prominence. The regular meetings also are full of interest.

WEST POINT has a vigorous Association, numbering over 100 out of 280. For causes "which no one but a West Pointer can understand," there can be little or no communication between it and the body of our College Associations.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Missionary Society of MT. ALLISON COLLEGE, Sackville, N. B., which has existed as long as the college, has lately been merged into the missionary department of the Association. This plan has lead to better results wherever tried.

Professr Seth, who occupies the chair of ethics in DLAHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, is about to give a critical exposition of Job before the Association during the winter term.

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THE International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada will be held May 8-12 in Philadelphia. Especial pains will be taken to make portions of the programme attractive and valuable to college men. Every man who can save up enough money and "cuts" to enable him to spend a day or two at the convention will never regret it.

THE Cornell Association has recently devised a system of reports for committees, and of gathering and preserving statistics about the work which is in advance of anything of the kind which has yet come to our notice. It will repay the Presidents of the Associations to correspond with R. S. Miller, Jr., the General Secretary of the Cornell Association with reference to this matter. Cornell has rendered a service to the entire college work in elaborating this scheme.

MESSRS. J. B. REYNOLDS and A. A. STAGG of Yale University have recently made a very interesting and profitable tour among the College Associations of Canada, beginning at McGill University, Montreal, and closing at Toronto. The students turned out to the meetings in good numbers and gave them a hearty reception. At Toronto on Sunday there were fully 900 students at one of the meetings. The success of this tour is another striking illustration of the possibilities of intercollegiate visitation.

PRESIDENT PEPPER, of Colby University, writes concerning Mr. Sayford's visit there, "This work proved very helpful to Christian students and must reveal itself in them or through them in the college as a gracious permanent blessing. Mr. Sayford's confidential talks to students should be repeated in every college in the United States."

FROM Lexington, Va., comes the encouraging report that fully sixty of the students in Washington and Lee University, and the Virginia Military Institute there, have entered the Christian life as a result of Mr. Sayford's visit. Many others who had been merely professing Christians were led to realize the power of the Christian life and to fully commit themselves to it. Mr. Sayford expects to go South again early in January, but hopes to return in time to attend the New England College Conference at Worcester, Mass., February 15-17.

THE challenges in regard to the entertainment of State Conventions and in regard to the work of College Associations at the South in our last issue, have called out this reply from Mr. Coxhead, which we very gladly insert.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3, 1888.

Editor of THE INTERCOLLEGIAN,

Dear Sir:—I notice in your November number, in referring to the entertainment of the Maine State Convention by the Bowdoin College Association, you say, "This, we believe, is the first time that a College Association has entertained a State Convention." I beg to state, however, that as long ago as 1881, the Westminster College Association entertained the Missouri State Convention, and in 1882 and 1884 it was entertained by the Central and Lewis College Associations, respectively.

Referring to colleges, at our recent State convention held in Lexington, Mo., where \$4,500 was pledged for State work, \$866 was contributed by our College Associations and college students. Can any other State beat that?

Yours very truly,

GEO. T. COXHEAD.

The Bulletin Board.

International Convention, Philadelphia,..... May 8-12.

Day of Prayer for Colleges,January 31.

College Conferences.

East Tennessee, Knoxville,.....February 1-3.

New England, Worcester, Mass.February 15-17,

From Hanover to Japan.

IN connection with Mr. Wishard's departure for work in foreign mission lands, we are often asked the question how long he has been engaged in work on behalf of the College Associations, and a reply to this question will be interesting to many of our readers.

Mr. Wishard first appeared at an International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations in 1872, at Lowell, Mass. He came as a delegate from the Association in Hanover College, Indiana, where he was then a student. He was already so interested in the work that in attending the Convention he undertook what was to him a very costly journey, and spent his vacation in earning the money with which to pay the expense of this journey. He was deeply impressed at the Convention and became more interested in the work; and when, soon after, he entered the junior class in Princeton College he carried with him this interest. He found congenial spirits among his classmates and friends at Princeton. Before he graduated in 1877 he was influential in bringing the religious organization of the college—the Philadelphian Society—into correspondence with the International Committee and into fellowship with the Young Men's Christian Associations. This correspondence resulted in the Princeton organization sending out during the spring of '77 an invitation to 200 colleges to be represented at the International Convention which was to meet in Louisville the following June.

Previous to this year Associations had al-

ready been organized in twenty-eight colleges, chiefly through the agency of the first visiting Secretary of the International Committee, Mr. Weidensall, and other friends of the work. Mr. Wishard was present at the Louisville Convention with twenty-four other students from twenty-one colleges, and when the Convention instructed the committee to secure a college secretary to devote his whole time to the extension and development of the college department, Mr. Wishard was asked to undertake the office upon his graduation from Princeton in 1877. At first he could give only a portion of his time to the work. Yet during the college year of 1877-8, besides carrying on a wide correspondence, he attended five State Conventions and visited twenty-three colleges in New England, the Middle States, Virginia, and Minnesota. At the close of the year thirty-one College Associations sent in reports which showed that the number of students who had professed conversion was 300. The second year he was still unable to give his whole attention to the work, but succeeded in attending three State Conventions and visiting seven colleges. He accomplished much more by correspondence, editing and making use of the *College Bulletin*. At the close of the year Associations in fifty colleges reported. The number of conversions reported was 400. The third year Mr. Wishard gave his undivided attention to the work, continuing the editing of the *College Bulletin*. He attended five State Conventions and visited thirty-one colleges in nine States and the Province of Ontario. At nineteen of these points Associations already existed; at nine of the remaining institutions Associations were organized as the result of his visit; and at the end of the year ninety-six College Associations reported, an increase of forty-three during the year. 700 conversions were reported. These Associations contained a membership of 4,268 students. Steadily year by year the work was developed and extended. In January, 1885—the eighth college year of his service—Mr. Ober was added to the force of the International Committee, with special refer-

ence to service in the college department. In 1886 the first College Students Summer School was called together at the suggestion of Mr. Wishard, by Mr. Moody, at Mount Hermon. This was followed in 1887 and 1888 by a second and third School at Northfield. The growth of the College Associations and their work was by this means greatly accelerated. In the tenth college year of Mr. Wishard's service (1886-7) he attended thirteen Conventions and Conferences and made seventy-one visits to sixty colleges. 258 College Associations reported a membership of 12,750. The number of students professing conversion was 1,769. For the present year 273 College Associations report a membership of 14,817.

Before becoming absorbed in College Association work Mr. Wishard had been strongly moved to give his life to work upon the foreign mission field. His interest, in this work continued and led him to lay a just emphasis upon the Missionary Department of the Association work, wherever he organized and stimulated it. Many were led by his presentation of the claims of this field to devote themselves to it as foreign missionaries. They carried away with them their interest in the College Association work and in its extension to missionary educational institutions. One of these students organized an Association in Jaffna College, Ceylon, which led to the formation of a group of Young Men's Christian Associations in that island. Mr. Wishard's many friends among missionaries entered into correspondence with him upon this subject; and whenever they revisited this country they, as well as older missionaries, urged upon Mr. Wishard the importance of this college work upon the foreign mission field. They were joined by secretaries of the various missionary boards, and it was owing to the impression made upon his mind by these appeals that the determination grew up within him to devote a portion of his life to that work for young men in heathen lands which he has now set out to undertake.

He set sail for Japan from San Francisco, December 19th, accompanied by the heartiest of good wishes from the thousands of college men whose lives he has touched and fired with interest in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ among young men. R. C. M.

Jottings from Canada.

The Association at MCGILL COLLEGE, Montreal, has a large increase of membership this year especially from the freshmen class in arts.

It was a very pleasant and profitable time when Messrs. Stagg and Reynolds favored our Association, and their visit impressed us with the fact more strongly than we had ever felt it before, "that if anything was to be done for the cause *we* had to do, not simply think about it."

The nucleus of a building fund has been subscribed, but the work of completing the canvass has ceased for the want of some one who will *give* the time to it.

Little has been done here in the matter of evangelization. We had hoped to have Mr. Sayford with us but were disappointed, and feel greatly the need of some such influence to stir us up to greater activity.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY, Medical, was founded in 1885. It has had a gradual development in the face of considerable opposition to a membership of 145 and an assured and encouraging condition. Several members have become interested in medical missions, and are looking forward to that life work. The religious meetings call out an average of half the membership.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Kingston, has about 100 active members and a large associate membership. It has outgrown its quarters and is hoping to have a fine room in the new Science Hall. Temperance meetings are a feature of the work of late, although all kinds of services and many Training classes and a Bible class are carried on. Last year QUEEN'S sent four men to the foreign field.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY (undenominational), with 200 students enrolled, has an average attendance of 40 at its regular weekly meeting. In Bible study of Job the students are assisted by two of the professors. Two Bible training classes have been formed during the session. An encouraging feature is the large attendance from the First Year class.

During the last term, the Y. M. C. A., at St. John, N. B., was favored with a visit from Mr. Mott. The interest of many lukewarm members was aroused and the spiritual life quickened. As a result of his visit three Bible Training classes have been organized which are doing excellent work.

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WILL every Corresponding Secretary who reads this kindly forward without further notice to C. K. Ober, 40 E. 23d Street, New York City, samples of the printed matter issued by his Association during the current college year.

WE are glad to note that a number of the Associations are taking a deep interest in the subject of Social Purity, and are doing much to promote it in their colleges. That there is need of aggressive work on this line few people question.

IT is rumored that there is a movement in England toward a "Northfield" for college men next summer. Success to it!

WE learn that the last General Assembly of the Presb. Church appointed as the Day of Prayer for Colleges the last Wednesday in January. This affects only the colleges under its care. Other colleges, as far as we know, will observe the last Thursday.

THE next best thing to being at Northfield last summer is to own a copy of the book giving a full account of that memorable meeting of college men. Our readers will notice in this issue of THE INTERCOLLEGIAN the announcement of the appearance of "College Students at Northfield," or "A College of Colleges, No. 2." Special terms have been secured from the publishers, in order that this book may have a wide circulation in the colleges. It is important that the College Associations do not let this opportunity pass of keeping themselves in the current of this great movement. Each Association should place the matter at once in the hands of a competent committee or agent, and secure to itself the great benefit which will come from a large circulation of this book.

THERE is food for reflection in the Princeton letter. The *Philadelphian* was admirably planned, edited and arranged. It was the organ of a large, well-organized, and efficient Association. It had every prospect of success; and yet, after two years of publication, it has been given up. The fact is, no single College Association needs an *organ*. Its constituency is not scattered, does not need education and information in regard to local needs, and is fairly united in sentiment. All the real needs of the association can be met in a general publication like the Intercollegian, which touches the wide field, all departments, and to a reasonable extent local problems.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges.

THE last Thursday of January has been set apart for many years by the ecclesiastical assemblies of the leading evangelical churches, as a day of special prayer for Colleges and Seminaries. Since the observance of such a day was established, college revivals have been much more frequent; and what is more significant, they have usually followed shortly after its observance. In answer to these prayers of the churches for the conversion of students, thousands of them have been brought

to Christ during their college days. But on this day Christians have prayed not only for the salvation of the students, but also that from their ranks might proceed waves of gospel influence, which would greatly hasten the evangelization of this world. God has also answered these prayers. Hundreds of ministers in American pulpits to-day, and a large percentage of our missionaries now in heathen lands, date their conversion to religious awakenings following the Day of Prayer in their colleges. Mr. Wishard has repeatedly and justly called the establishment of the Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Associations one of the answers to the prayers of the churches for the colleges. With equal justice can we attribute to the same source, those three great student movements which resulted from this young men's organization viz: the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance, the College Young Women's Christian Association, and the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. Is not our God a prayer-answering God?

The day will be observed this year by more people than ever before. Thousands of churches and families will unite in earnest, believing prayer for the thousands of young men yet unsaved in our colleges.

Every College Association should observe this day by special prayer and work. The most important thing for the members of the Associations to think about in connection with these many prayers that will be offered by the churches and families for the salvation of their fellow students, is, that *in order that these prayers may be answered, something besides the faith of those offering the prayers is necessary.* What is that condition on which hangs such momentous possibilities? How does God answer prayer for conversion? *By making some one who is already a Christian His messenger with a special message to some one who is not a Christian!* Was not that, Christian student, the manner in which the prayer for your conversion was answered? What a responsibility this lays upon the Christian man in college; for he has been providentially placed where he can

do more to realize these prayers of Christian mothers and fathers than any other person in the world.

The following suggestions are offered to help the Associations obtain the best possible results in the observance of this day:

1. Early in the morning of the Day of Prayer, or during the preceding evening, hold a consecration meeting, in which Christians pledge themselves to do personal work during the day, and to seek divine strength to enable them to do it.

2. Confer with the faculty and secure an adjournment of as many regular college exercises as is possible.

3. During the day hold a union prayer meeting, in which all the time is given to prayer. In addition to the subjects of prayer in connection with your own college, let special petition be made for:

- (1.) The spiritual quickening of our three-hundred Associations that it may no longer be true of the colleges in which they are planted that for every man who graduates converted, ten graduate unsaved.

- (2.) The extension of the Association movement among the thousand higher institutions of learning in this country, which have comparatively no organized religious work.

- (3.) The three thousand and more Student Missionary Volunteers that their movement may be conserved and extended so that the world may be evangelized within their lifetime.

- (4.) Mr. Wishard just landing on the shores of Japan, that he may be blessed in promoting a better organized religious work in the universities and schools of the Orient.

4. Where feasible hold a meeting of all the students during the day or evening in which an address to the unconverted is made by some influential minister or layman. Special effort must be put forth to get the unconverted men there. The meeting should be followed up by personal conversation.

5. Have different little groups of men meet in students' rooms and hold short informal meetings. Manage to have two or three un-

converted men at each meeting. This plan has been greatly blessed in some colleges.

6. Let every Christian student during the day have a conversation with at least *one* unconverted man, and try to lead him to a decision.

Many a revival in college has turned on the work, and influence of one, or of a few Christian students. That first great revival at Yale over a century ago, which resulted in the entrance into the ministry of half of the three upper classes, was promoted very largely by the personal effort of students, who went from room to room conversing with their fellow students on personal religion. The memorable Princeton revival of 1876, to which our Associations owe so much, was quietly conducted by the hand-to-hand work of a few Christians, dead in earnest about saving their fellows. We could point to two Minnesota College Associations in which a few Christians banded themselves together to do definite personal work, and their consecrated action led to revivals in which every man in college was converted.

Our Associations report nearly two thousand converts for last year, but several times that number during the same year left these colleges unsaved. Think of the great power of these men for good or for evil. Add to this the startling testimony of Dr. Nott, so many years President of Union College. He once said: "During my long experience as an educator, I can scarcely recall a man who was converted after leaving college." Several observing teachers have given testimony equally strong.

Many who read these words are in their last college year. You have but a few days before you in which to use the influence and experience which God has given you in winning the souls of this, the most important class in the community. You have a more powerful influence over some of them than you perhaps think. How many Christian college graduates have wished, with deep regret, as they have learned of some old classmates going down to ruin, that in the day

of opportunity, back in the old college, they had lovingly and persistently pressed them to that most important decision that man can ever make.

James once closed a letter with these words, which should furnish every Christian student with a powerful incentive for effort on the coming Day of Prayer: "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." J. R. M.

Topical Studies and Plans of Work.

FOR BIBLE TRAINING CLASSES.

EXPLANATORY.—This course of topical Bible studies and plans for training class work is furnished in response to many requests from students. It is designed primarily to meet the need of classes without peculiarly qualified teachers (such as the General Secretaries of city Associations), and depending for their success upon leaders of their own number, who to acquire leadership are willing to make special preparation and keep themselves ahead of those whom they lead.

No attempt is made in this course of twenty-four lessons either to cover the whole Bible or to discuss all its doctrines. Their sole object is to help Christian men to qualify themselves to intelligently win other men to Christ. The subject is important, the time is limited, and the motto, "this one thing I do," excludes from the course all irrelevant and extraneous matter and from the class all who have not "a mind to work." Between the leader and each member of the class

It is mutually understood

1. That he will do actual personal work.
2. That he will give the equivalent of at least fifteen minutes each day to preparation for each week's lesson.
3. That he will attend regularly.
4. That he will come to the class *on time*.

It is proposed that whatever of importance is lacking in the accompanying *outlines for the class*, will be provided in a supplementary

pamphlet of special instructions and suggestions to the leaders.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE.

General Bible Topics.—

(To be covered in thirty lessons, including six reviews).

- A. The man who is not a Christian.
- B. The man who is a Christian.
- C. How to become a Christian.

Characteristic features of each lesson.—

1. Topical Bible study.
2. The study of an actual case.
3. Reports, discussions and diagnosis.

The supplementary pamphlet of instructions and suggestions to leaders of classes will be sent on application to the International Committee, 40 E. 23d street, New York City. The price of the pamphlet is 10 cents, postpaid, including all supplementary lesson helps to same address.

These lessons are published only in the INTERCOLLEGIAN.

Students Volunteer Mission Notes.

THE steady growth of the student missionary movement must give pleasure to every volunteer. Not only is the interest of students in missions no longer spasmodic, but an organization is conserving results already gained, and widening the circle of influence. This latest feature of the movement is a development of the last summer school at Northfield, just as the plan of supporting representatives on the field was started at Northfield in 1887, and as this volunteer movement itself began at Mt. Hermon in 1886.

IN other directions too, growth has been steady. During the past summer a number of men have been voluntarily pushing canvasses in different parts of the country. One man secured 26 volunteers, another 27, another 70. This Fall, under the aggressive efforts of Mr. Wilder, by whom 150 pledges were secured in about one month, the number has been steadily swelled, until the total of

2,600 reported at Northfield in July has now grown to 3,200. God's guiding hand in this movement is evident: 105 volunteers have already sailed for their fields or are under contract to sail.

ANOTHER notable line of growth has been that of finance. The Princeton men went home from Northfield last year, 1887, determined to do more for missions. In twenty-eight hours they had raised \$1,300 for the support of a missionary, and three days after the money was pledged, Mr. Forman, their representative, sailed for India.

In Union Theological Seminary \$1,130 was pledged, and Mr. Wilder tells of a Union man who came to the Seminary with but \$3.00 in his pocket and gave \$10.00 for their missionary in China; "he went out and earned the money." These are but samples of what has been widely done throughout the colleges and seminaries. Other colleges, unable to raise enough money by themselves to support a missionary, have united with two or three sister colleges and accomplished the result. Although as yet no uniform plan has been adopted, many institutions, each in their own way, have put their subscriptions on a permanent basis, payable as at Wooster, O., each year of the course, or as at Princeton College for five years, or as at Allegheny Seminary each year for ten years.

This interest on the part of seminaries and colleges has generated a like interest in neighboring city churches, among societies of Christian endeavor, and among the alumni of the various institutions, until many have, or strongly desire to have, representatives in the foreign field. The attitude of the volunteers in this matter is a substantial pledge of their earnestness and devotion; not only are men and women offering to go in large and ever increasing numbers, but they are offering to stand behind and support those who are ready to go.

R. S. M.

Mr. Wishard is now the College Secretary of the Central International Committee.

The Bible Class.

Topical Studies.

Lesson I. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian.
1. What testimony shall we accept as reliable concerning him?
 - (a) What about the man's opinion regarding himself?
 - (b) Is the judgment of other men likely to be correct and unbiased concerning him?
 - (c) What testimony have we which is both unprejudiced and infallible on this and all kindred questions?

Let each member of the class bring in his contribution of Scripture passages from his study during the week that by comparison and conference the class may agree concerning the testimony of the Bible on the subject of the lesson.

*Part II. Bible Treatment of an Actual case.

NOTE.—The subject for Part II in each lesson after this is, by the plan of the class, to be determined from Part III of the preceding lesson, from the reports by members of the class of recent personal work done by them. For this first lesson, however, the members of the class are referred to the leader.

*Part III. Reports from Workers.

1. Reports.
2. Selection of case to be treated next week.
3. Clear statement of the case.

* As the subjects under Parts II and III are, by the plan of the class, to be determined from week to week, it is evidently unnecessary in the succeeding lessons to refer to these divisions. Consequently, after lesson I, Part I only of each lesson will be given. It is suggested that each member of the class copy the outline of each lesson, with its several divisions, on the left hand page of his note book, and reserve the opposite right hand page for notes.

Lesson II. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian (continued).
2. What is the testimony of the Bible concerning his past sins?
 - (a) Will God overlook them? *Rom 6:23 Gal 6:7*
 - (b) Can he himself atone for them?
 - (c) Is there more than one way of escape?

Lesson III. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian (continued).
3. What is the testimony of the Bible concerning his present condition? *Rom 7:24-5*
 - (a) Has he power to deliver himself from his sins?
 - (b) What help has he in times of temptation and difficulty? *Mat 26:41 Prov 14:12 27:12-9*
 - (c) What danger is there of his being lost or condemned? *2 Thess 2:13 Rom 1:18 and 11:7 2 Cor 4:3-4*

Lesson IV. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian (continued).
3. What is the testimony of the Bible concerning his present condition? (continued).
 - (d) Does he lack anything vital? *Eph 4:18 2 Cor 5:12-3*
 - (e) Does he have the Holy Spirit? *1 Pet 4:18 Mar 3:29*
 - (f) What excuse may he have, that God will accept, for being in such a condition?

Lesson V. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian (continued).
4. What is the testimony of the Bible concerning his future? (Consider the teaching of Christ on this subject).

Lesson VI. (For the class).

Part I. Bible Topic.

- A. The man who is not a Christian (continued).
5. How should these facts about his past, present, and future affect us as Christians?
 - (a) How did they affect Moses?
 - (b) How did they affect Paul?
 - (c) How did they affect Christ?
 - (d) What incentive should they furnish us?

Lesson VII. (For the class).

Review of last six Lessons.

1. Outlines of Bible Topics and cases.
2. Bible drill on key passages of topics and cases.

The students of YALE UNIVERSITY had a rich treat Dec. 10th in the shape of a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Schauffler of New York City, on "Ruin through neglect." He exhibited many stereopticon views revealing scenes of daily life among the low and poor classes in the metropolis. The lecture was not only full of interest but almost startling as a revelation of facts for Christian young men to consider.

The Association of the UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA had one of the greatest revivals during the week of prayer that has ever blessed the Institution. Forty-seven young men began the Christian life.

Notes from the Field.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES.

The first conference of Michigan College Associations held at Olivet Oct. 26-28, was marked by a good degree of spiritual earnestness and its results are already apparent, at least in the town and college that were fortunate enough to be the place of its meeting. Over fifty delegates were present, representing eight different colleges, besides four college Presidents, whose presence added a strength and dignity that were felt throughout the whole conference. Mr. Wishard and State Secretary Bunker were the leading spirits and presided either jointly or separately at all the meetings. Nearly all phases of Association work were discussed throughout the conference, but the strongest impression was made along the line of missions, Mr. Wishard throwing a power into his appeals that was all the greater from the fact that this was his last college conference. The idea of holding a summer school for Bible study at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, the coming summer, was heartily entered into, and the Michigan students will do all in their power to bring it about.

The fifth annual Medical Students Mission Conference was held Nov. 25th in the parlor of the 23d Street Branch of the New York City Association. The day was unusually stormy but the attendance fairly good. Dr. H. B. St. John Roosa presided over the afternoon session, which was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Judson and by Dr. B. C. Atterbury of Foo Chow, China. In the evening, addresses were made by Dr. Atterbury and Mr. F. K. Sanders. Each session was terminated by a "quiz," where a running fire of questions was answered by Dr. Atterbury. Several names were added to the roll of those who are looking forward to a life work as medical missionaries.

The fourth annual conference of Virginia colleges was held Nov. 16-18 with RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, Ashland. It was a strong gathering, marked by interest, earnestness and spiritual power. Some eighty delegates were present from about fifteen colleges and schools. Nearly all the Randolph-Macon students are members of the Association, which is the leading student organization there, hence the attendance of the sessions of the conference was large. A masterly opening address was delivered by Rev. F. M. Ellis of Baltimore. The range of topics was very wide, especial emphasis being laid on the development of Bible study. The power of the conference and the spirit which it evoked and fostered was manifest in the crowded early prayer service of Monday morning, after which the delegates separated, full of hopefulness and consecration for the work of the year in their own colleges.

THE WEST.

The UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO at Boulder was formed some three years ago, as the result of a visit from Mr. Wishard, with eight charter members. This nucleus was plucky, though small, and maintained an aggressive work with the result of being able to report to-day a flourishing society. A very helpful feature in this growth has been the coöperation of members of the Faculty, who frequently lecture before the Association.

At PARSONS COLLEGE, Fairfield, Iowa, the work for the term just ended has been most encouraging. The regular Sunday afternoon meetings were all well attended, and an unusual interest was manifested by the readiness of the boys to take part. Meetings were held every evening during the week of prayer, and continued for a week and a half after its close. These meetings never failed to have a goodly number present, and often the room was crowded, and this in spite of the fact that the "all paralyzing campaign" was raging.

While these meetings did not result in any large number of conversions, yet there was an unmistakable revival within the Association, and all the members were imbued with new vigor. The class Bible study has been carried on with much satisfaction and profit to those participating; but it is planned to extend this work next term, so as to take in the greater part of the Association, if possible.

In regard to finance, an experiment is being tried of twenty-five cent term dues, besides the regular "free will" offering. The scheme promises success so far.

The Association work in SIMPSON COLLEGE has made a decided advance during the opening months of the school year. The building of a new "Science Hall" has aroused an earnest desire to have a room set apart for exclusive use of the Association. Although the growing demands upon the Executive Board made such an arrangement hardly possible yet, when the attempt was made, the petition was favorably received, and soon the Association will be enjoying the benefits of a permanent home.

A new gymnasium is under consideration, and soon we hope to organize thoroughly for effective work along that line.

Having had such an extensive course of lectures during last year, and having the plans mentioned on hand, the Association decided to have no lectures during the opening months of the year. Active Christian work is done in our Bible Training Classes, Gospel Meetings, and we hope to do more efficient service during this year than ever before. Messrs. Sylvester and Shaw came home from the Marshalltown Convention full of zeal, and have since been very helpful.

KANSAS NORMAL COLLEGE, at Fort Scott, has about 200 young men, of whom about one-fourth are Christians.

The Association numbers seventy-five, and is constantly growing. The Bible Training Classes and the gospel meetings are full of power. We sent five young men to our State Convention, at Abilene, about 200 miles, and there pledged \$50.00 to help the State work along. Since that time we have received greater blessing than ever before.

The CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE at Altus, Arkansas, is very young in years, but desirous and capable of doing a strong aggressive work. It is under Methodist auspices, hence includes twelve licensed ministers aside from candidates, within its membership. Its Christian work is of a very strong type.

THE MIDDLE STATES.

The STATE UNIVERSITY of Iowa was recently visited by Secretary J. R. Mott of the International Committee. The building movement was thoroughly discussed by the Association and it was agreed to make an effort to raise forty thousand dollars for a building. On this enlarged plan, the canvass was reorganized and twelve young men have subscribed one hundred dollars each. It is expected that this number will be increased to twenty or more soon. The faculty and city will be canvassed next, after which a vigorous appeal will be made to friends throughout the State. The fund now exceeds four thousand dollars.

The week following the week of State Convention was observed by the MACALESTER COLLEGE, Minn., Association instead of the appointed week of prayer. The Christian students were stirred up to greater activity, and two unconverted men were brought to Christ. It was decided to carry on another week of meetings sometime next term. Financially the Association is prosperous and it is hoped that by next year it will be able to fit up a room for its exclusive use.

The KNOX COLLEGE Y. M. C. A., is making a special point of Bible Study. There are four classes in Harmony of the Gospels, and two in Training Class Work. The lower class men are doing more in personal work than they have ever done before. They have received about thirty-five new members this term. Several have begun the Christian life.

The method of Christian activity at LAKE FOREST COLLEGE and ACADEMY is well worth attention. Capable leaders are selected and the students organized into small bands or "fraternities." Each of these holds its prayer meeting at a time convenient to the members. No band numbers more than ten, and so there is a chance for earnest prayer and remarks, which is helpful in forming good resolutions and in carrying them out. The leaders meet once a week and encourage one another by prayer and comparing notes. There is also a regular Thursday evening meeting which all

attend and take part in. This, although a large meeting, is one where the strength gained at the smaller meetings is used to good account, and it is never stupid or uninteresting to any. The Professors meet here with the students and all are brothers in Christ. The result is seen in the fact that, while at the beginning of the term the number of Christians was less than those who were not, now the proportion is something like six to one in favor of those who are Christians. The effect is seen too in the good behavior of the boys of the institution which had at one time an undesirable character.

At the GERMAN-ENGLISH COLLEGE, Galena, Ill., the general religious interest on the part of the students is increasing. Meetings are well attended and interesting. Both faculty and students heartily unite in promoting this result.

BLACKBURN UNIVERSITY, Carlinville, has about twenty active members. It carries on an Inductive Bible class, and some steady personal work, each active member taking one man to think about and work for during one month. This plan is working well.

At ILLINOIS COLLEGE, the work this fall has been quite encouraging, much interest being manifest, not only at meetings, but in the general work of the Association. The week of prayer was observed with good results.

EASTERN STATES.

The PRINCETON Association is prospering. The fellows are not spasmodic in their work, but are all steadily pushing the departments to which they have been assigned.

Our first meeting was of special interest, because addressed by our new President, Dr. Patton, who has promised to do all he can to further the interests of the Association. "As a man thinketh, so is he," was his theme. The Freshmen responded heartily to the invitations sent out by the committee, and 101 united as active members, and 11 as associate. We now have a total membership of 401, of which number 333 are active, and 68 are associate. This number exceeds last year's membership by 43.

It will probably be a surprise to the College Associations to know that the "Philadelphian Magazine," which was conducted by our society, and devoted to the religious interests of the college, has suspended publication. The reasons for this are two: 1. A heavy debt was incurred when the magazine was started, and now after running two years, the magazine has failed to meet its current expenses. The debt now amounts to about three hundred dollars. 2. It had worn out its welcome. Hardly a sufficient number of the college students read it, to justify its publication.

The work inaugurated last year by Prof. Drummond, of sending delegations to the neighboring towns and cities, and schools and colleges, is still carried on. It was Prof. Drummond's wish that the work should be independent of any organization, but since those who go on these delegations are Association men, we have thought it best to make it distinctly an activity of the Association, and the Secretary, who sends out these delegations, is elected by the Association. So far, four delegations have been sent out to Elizabeth, New York City and other places.

There seems to be an impression outside of Princeton, that our Association is neglecting its monthly missionary meeting, and has formed a mission band which is entirely independent of the Association, and that only presumptive missionaries are allowed to take any part. We wish to deny this most emphatically. Our missionary meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month, and are always interesting.

The "Mission Band," which is composed of some of the most prominent members of the Association, meets every Sunday after chapel for about forty minutes, and listens to papers on various subjects, such as "The Conversion of the Continental Teutons," "Missions to the Jews," "Life of Wm. C. Burr," "Miracles in Missions," "Persia." These meetings are open to the whole college. The membership numbers 26.

The society has been very fortunate in raising the amount needed to support our missionary in India, John Forman. So far six hundred dollars has been realized, and in a few days this amount will reach nine hundred dollars. At the "Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance," the society was represented by W. Graham, '89, and J. C. Beecher, '90.

Last year the Bible classes studied McConaughy's "Leaves from a Worker's Note Book." This year the Freshmen have been organized for Bible study into two divisions of 15 each. Outside the Freshmen there are no Bible classes.

THE HARVARD ASSOCIATION is in better spiritual health than perhaps ever before, as shown in unusually earnest meetings, interest in Bible study, and the sending out, already, of several deputations. It is intended to carry on active deputation work throughout the year.

BOSTON INTER-COLLEGIATE Y. M. C. A. has begun deputation work in earnest, with a band of twenty-five, each of whom is pledged to go out on a deputation at least once each month. This work was begun Dec. 16, when two deputations were sent out, and was followed by one each on Dec. 22 and 23. This association reports the formation of a debating club and a small orchestra. A canvass of all the students of Boston as to church membership and church attendance is now progressing and

it is hoped that the information obtained can be used very effectively in the work.

Nearly one half of the male students at BATES COLLEGE, Lewiston, are active workers in the Association. Three are at present supplying churches in the vicinage; several are interested and active members of the Student's Volunteer Mission Movement.

The Association at BOWDOIN has been amply repaid for the care attendant upon the entertaining of the State Convention by the deep religious feeling aroused and the renewed impetus to Christian activity. The convention was a great success owing to the careful preparation of the preceding months, and the hearty coöperation of students and citizens.

The special feature of the work at the EAST MAINE CONFERENCE SEMINARY at Bucksport is Bible study, which has become very interesting, popular, and profitable. The Association has twenty-eight active members and an encouraging outlook.

The WESLEYAN Y. M. C. A. probably never was before a more genuinely Christian factor in the college than at present. The best minds in college are the most aggressive in its membership. About one half of all the students in college are active members of the Association. Meetings are always full.

The large number of freshmen who have joined the WILLIAMS COLLEGE Association and the interest manifested by them was one of the most encouraging features of the work of the term just closed.

The deputation work has been kept up and has been attended with success; ten deputations having been sent to the towns of the vicinity chiefly.

Regular work in the outlying districts of the town has been quietly carried on as heretofore.

The prospects for the new term are made more bright than usual, as we expect a visit from Mr. Sayford in January.

THE SOUTH.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Annapolis, has a more vigorous Association than ever before, owing largely to the numbers and activity of the Christians in the Senior class. Lectures on the Bible are being delivered once per week with a good attendance.

The work at WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE, at Westminster, is healthy and active, although the membership is not large. A Bible class was organized for the first time, Dec. 14th, with Professor Simpson of the Department of Natural Science as teacher.

— NOW READY —

“COLLEGE STUDENTS AT NORTHFIELD,”

— OR —

“A COLLEGE OF COLLEGES NO. 2.”

A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT of the last Summer Meeting of College Students at Northfield, conducted by Mr. D. L. MOODY.

ADDRESSES IN FULL BY

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Our cut represents the new and elegant building of the Young Men's Christian Association at Worcester, Mass., in which the New England College Conference was so warmly welcomed and so pleasantly domiciled. Its sessions were held in the large hall ; its members were royally treated by everybody from Secretary McConaughy to the check-boy ; its good things were shared by college men and citizens alike—it will prove of benefit to both. To many a college man the inspection of this completely appointed edifice has given a new and forcible impression of the clean-cut work of a large city Association of to-day ; to many a citizen of Worcester, we trust, there has come a more vivid sense of the robust, hearty, genial, and earnestly spiritual type of our modern college Christianity.

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[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

25 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, JAPAN, }
January 22, 1889. }

Editor Intercollegian:

AFTER a voyage of twenty days, the longest and stormiest I have ever made, the Gaelic anchored in the Bay of Yedo, January 8th at 8 P. M. We were speedily transferred to a jaunty little tender which cut through the water like the Yale boat at New London and speedily landed us on *terra firma*. I had barely time to congratulate myself upon my solid footing before we were consigned to the narrow capacity of the Japanese *jinrikisha* and pulled along the Bund at a break-neck speed, which made us rather long for the security of the great sea monster which had ferried us so safely across the Pacific. If the meagre space necessarily allotted your foreign correspondent admitted, I could easily fill a page or more with an account of my first impressions and experiences in the Land of the Morning, including Japanese lanterns, *jinrikisha* travel (a real transfer to the locomotion of babyhood), foreign hotels, banks, shops, etc.; but omitting all these I plunge in *medias res* and begin with the cordial welcome received from Swift of Yale, '84, who has been in Japan nearly a year teaching, and who henceforth will devote his entire time to Young Men's Christian Association work in

this most interesting oriental land. He has already organized the work in the government institutions in Tokyo.

I have not been here long enough to express opinions as to results of the work, or to indulge in a very extensive forecast of the Japanese College Young Men's Christian Association movement of the twentieth century! So I shall only state a few facts here, and indeed my future letters will be devoted to the bare presentation of facts, leaving the readers of the INTERCOLLEGIAN to make their own prophecies.

Japan is simply running over with schools. General Grant said: "They have the best public school system in the world." There are twenty-eight thousand primary schools, two hundred high schools, six colleges and one university, in all of which about two million one hundred and seventy-five thousand male students are gathered. In Tokyo alone there are about eighty thousand students in the higher schools, some two thousand of whom are in three prominent government institutions, the Imperial University, the Upper Middle College, and the great Commercial School. In these three institutions there are over one hundred Christians, and each of the institutions has a Young Men's Christian Association. There are also Associations in the Union College and Anglo-Japanese College, the two principal Christian institutions of the city. An Association exists in the Doshisha, the large Kyoto college of the Congregational Church, located in Coodade by Joseph Neesima, a graduate of Amherst, and one of the most influential native Christians in Japan. The Presbyterian school at Kanarowa also has an Association.

On the evening of the 18th I attended a reception of officers and members of the devotional committees of the three government school Associations. The reception was given by Viscount Mishima—a young nobleman who has recently returned from the Massachusetts Agricultural College. He attended the Summer Schools at Northfield in '87 and '88, and his heart burns with a

desire to see a College Young Men's Christian Association movement among the students of his country. He presided over this reception and aided the students in mapping out a general plan of work upon our return from Kyoto, where Swift and I go at once by invitation to spend a fortnight in the Doshisha, where over seven hundred young men are gathered, fully one hundred and fifty of whom, I am told, will understand our addresses without an interpreter, so rapidly is a knowledge of English spreading among the students. When a few years hence a band of American students makes a tour of visitation in these Japanese institutions, their Christian greetings and appeals will be as well understood by the majority of students here, as they are in any American college. With this suggestion for the students of America to seriously ponder, I close this first letter from the Orient.

L. D. W.

Town and Gown.

[FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIAN.]

THE relations of college men with the Christian Association of their college town are usually so limited that it is a pleasure to take especial note of a different state of affairs in Worcester, Mass., brought about partly by the peculiarly central location of the Association building, partly by the dispersion of many of the students about the town, partly by the acceptability of the college bred Secretary to college men and the hearty welcome they receive from him and his associates. These are reasons which do not always prevail, and yet the relations may with profit exist to a greater or less degree everywhere. No local Association in the land will turn a cold shoulder to college men. It will rather welcome them to its privileges and give them a share in its work. There is a large demand to-day by local Associations for just that assistance which college men can best render. There are many places like Worcester, where both kinds of Associations co-exist. Often there is no connection between them. Sometimes the local Association extends

many courtesies to the college men, receiving few in return. Neither of these conditions should exist. There may be and ought to be a very cordial and helpful relation between two such organizations with identical aims, and largely with the same methods.

There are several practical ways in which college and local Associations may be of mutual service and profit.

1. College men can offer to be of service at receptions. Here they may be highly useful, especially those who can joke or tell stories or pick a banjo or sing well. At a small outlay of time and trouble they can be of great assistance to a Secretary.

2. The college and local Associations can project some union work in which the college men will be especially helpful, toward the success of which both parties will co-operate. A number of our colleges are doing successful mission work in their cities in neglected quarters where evangelists cannot accomplish much.

3. College Associations may find great profit in inviting occasional addresses from local Secretaries or exchanging deputations with local Associations. Princeton received such a deputation recently to the great profit and pleasure of its students.

4. A large number of college men can go into Association work as their profession. A number of earnest college-bred Secretaries will be a potent factor in promoting a real unity between these two departments of Association work. And to bring about this result is a worthy aim. When college Association men come into closer sympathy with the work at large, they will gain from it more practicality and directness in Christian work, will lose more and more of the undesirable, isolating tendency natural to the college race; on the other hand, they will contribute a broader, more liberal view of men and things, a power of reaching and influencing all classes of men and a hearty passion for noble effort.

The Colleges of New York State intend to send at least 110 delegates to the next Northfield School.

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THE May number of the INTERCOLLEGIAN will be a sixteen page sample number, embodying a taste of the best features of next year. It will be sent out freely for the use of canvassers. The editor will be glad to receive requests for copies for distribution, if they can be sent in before April 20th.

THERE are now about twenty-five College Associations in the foreign field. To open a correspondence with some one of them will lend much interest to Volunteer work. The editor will be glad to furnish any Corresponding Secretaries with the name of a foreign correspondent. We hope to publish a corrected list of these with their Secretaries in an early issue.

ON February 20th Mr. J. B. Reynolds, Yale '87, sailed for England to spend some time in a friendly visitation of the universities and colleges of Great Britain. He then goes to the continent, making his headquarters at Paris, to study the European student problem and set on foot, as opportunity offers, some special work for them.

UNTIL June the address of Mr. L. D. Wishard, the College Secretary of the World's Committee, will be 25 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan. He hopes to receive letters from many of the Corresponding Secretaries of College Associations. He can always be reached *via* 40 E. 23d St., New York City.

ONE of our leading College Presidents is expected to deliver the college address at the International Convention in Philadelphia, May 8-12. It will be an occasion of rare interest to progressive Association men.

THE most remarkable revival reported in the colleges this year is the one that took place at Webb's School in Tennessee during the Week of Prayer. There were seventy-eight converts. The revival work was carried on entirely by the members of the Association.

THE Associations of the University of Virginia and Cornell University have taken charge of the large reading rooms formerly controlled by the University. This gives them control of a valuable source of influence.

THE Topical Studies now appearing in the INTERCOLLEGIAN are meeting with the approval, not only of the College Associations, but also of some of the leading city Association men who have put them to the test.

THE INTERCOLLEGIAN for 1889-90 begins to be a problem demanding definite consideration. Whether college men will support it is no longer the main question; how it shall most worthily do its work is the unsettled problem. Several things are settled. It will be a *monthly* of sixteen pages: it will publish a series of training class outlines prepared by the International Secretaries; a series of Inductive Bible Studies, arranged for college classes by Dr. Wm. R. Harper; the notes from the wide field—at home and

abroad—will be more interesting and complete than ever before; Mr. Wishard's letters will come regularly from Japan and China and India. There are other special features which cannot yet be announced; but we are confident that the INTERCOLLEGIAN will take a long stride forward toward its goal of being an able, attractive, progressive, influential, Christian intercollegiate journal.

—
“*A Word to the Wise.*”

WITHIN the next few weeks many of the Associations will elect new officers. This is the most critical event of the year. If the right men are elected the Association is destined to succeed in the full sense of that word; but if incompetent men are placed at the head of the work it is almost impossible for the Association to become a power in a college. The greatest possible care should be used in selecting the President. He must be a man of pronounced executive ability. He must be a man of deep spirituality. He should have a good record as a student, and the ability to maintain that record in connection with his additional duties as President. He should be a man who commands the respect of the students. He should have a just appreciation of the work and possibilities of the Association. Other minor qualifications might be mentioned, but these are essential. If he is lacking in any one of these points the Association must suffer as a consequence. It is most earnestly hoped that each Association will send the man whom it elects as President for the coming year to the Northfield Summer School. This will do more toward making the Association a success than any other one thing.

HASTINGS COLLEGE, Neb. On the “Day of Prayer for Colleges” there were three conversions, and three new persons to join the “student volunteer band.” There is a deeper interest in foreign missions than has been felt since Mr. Forman visited the college in '87. This has been brought about by prayer. There is an earnest spirit of inquiry and a greater work of grace is now in progress than has ever been known in the history of the college.

Again 'tis Northfield!

THE Western students will doubtless be disappointed, as many have been looking forward to attending a *Western Northfield* at Lake Geneva, Wis., either in addition to or in place of the meeting at Northfield, Mass. Very urgent requests have come to Mr. Moody that he would coöperate with the International secretaries in bringing this meeting to the West this coming summer. The secretaries and the directors of the Western Secretarial Institute at Lake Geneva strongly seconded these requests. But, so great is the pressure of his other work on Mr. Moody, that he finds himself unable to leave home during the summer. But he cordially invites the college students to meet him again at Northfield. This invitation has been accepted in the name of the students and arrangements are already being made on a larger scale than for any previous meeting.

When the final word came from Mr. Moody that he could not go West this summer, it was thought that, notwithstanding this, it would be a good plan to hold a supplementary meeting for Western College students at Lake Geneva during the latter part of August. After further deliberation, however, it has been decided by the Western men that it will be best to concentrate on the one meeting for the students of the entire country at Northfield this year, and perhaps another season arrange for a strong gathering in the West. We take this opportunity of urging the members of every College Association and the Western students in particular to begin early and work up large delegations for Northfield and secure the money that will be necessary to send them. Already Wofford College at Spartanburg, South Carolina, writes a decision to send two delegates and others are sending like reports. We can more than double the number of delegates sent last year, *if we will*; and probably no college is too poor or too distant to send at least one representative. Undoubtedly a strong delegation will be present this year from the old universities across the sea, and may we

not welcome this year for the first time some delegates from the Pacific Coast? The meetings will continue twelve days, beginning Saturday, June 29th, and closing Wednesday, July 10th. Fifteen dollars pays all necessary expenses at Northfield, including board for thirteen days. Rooms will be reserved in the order of application only for those who fully decide to come and remain for the full time. Of course, this invitation is extended at first only to members of College Young Men's Christian Associations and not to young men generally.

In appointing delegates each Association is requested to select :

1. Undergraduates, that is, men who will surely be in college another year at least.
2. Officers and leaders in the Association for the college year '89-'90, namely, President, Corresponding Secretaries, and Chairmen of Committees, especially on Religious Work, Bible Study, Membership, Reception and Deputation Work. Also those who are to be leaders of Inductive Classes and Bible Training Classes next year.

Strong speakers are being secured and will be announced soon. Not only will Bible topics be presented by these speakers and by Mr. Moody, but the full outline of the work of our College Associations will be taken up and carefully discussed. It is hoped also that Bible and Bible Training Classes will be conducted every day, especially for the benefit of those who are to be the leaders of such classes in their several College Associations. Athletic sports will monopolize the time every afternoon (except Sundays) and will be under the charge of a competent and enthusiastic committee. Let every member of a College Association, to whom this notice comes, *begin now* and plan for it, save his money for it and talk about it. Each College Association should appoint a strong committee to canvass the Association man by man and, if necessary, to raise money to send good men who are not able to pay all their own expenses. Can you do any better work for the Association or for the college?

Mr. Sayford in the Colleges.

THE readers of the INTERCOLLEGIAN will be interested in the following statement of Mr. Sayford's work.

Beginning at Amherst College, about the middle of September, he visited, before the Christmas holidays, Amherst College, Mass., Madison University, and Hamilton College, in New York State; Colby University and Bowdoin College in Maine, and Washington and Lee University, Virginia Military Institute, Randolph-Macon College, Richmond College, and Roanoke College in Virginia. On January 5th he began a six days' visit at Mr. Moody's Mt. Hermon School for Boys and from there a two or three months' tour in the leading institutions of the South, having already visited Bingham Military School, and the State University in North Carolina; the Military Academy at Charleston, in South Carolina; A. and M. College, Auburn, Southern University, Greensboro, and State University, Tuscaloosa, in Alabama; and the State Universities of Tennessee and Mississippi.

Already not a few strong calls have come for Mr. Sayford's services in a number of the leading colleges in the East and West, to some of which it will be impossible to respond until the next college year.

The following extract is from one of the many letters received from colleges that have been visited. The writer of this letter, Rev. Dr. R. A. McBryde, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Lexington, Virginia, was formerly Chaplain at the University of Virginia, and is a member of the State Committee of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Associations :

"Sayford is well acquainted with college men and comes into perfect sympathy with them, as they perceive that he has felt personally their temptations. There is a straightforwardness about him that captivates the college boys. As to his work here, General Smith said yesterday (he is Superintendent of

the Virginia Military Institute): 'I notice in my Bible class an unusual interest in Bible study; I see large and interesting prayer meetings. I think the religious life of the Institute full of encouragement.' I, personally, know of men who had taken on them a Christian profession before they came to Washington and Lee, and to the Military Institute, but never until recently became what they professed to be at home. These men have been reconverted. They have spoken publicly for Christ and are happy and influential Christians. The Christian men have been quickened, strengthened, broadened, and set to work, in many instances. Some forty odd men have said they would take their stand for Christ; others said they 'desired to be Christians.' You know as well as I do the possibilities of college men. If we win them for Christ what untold blessings will they bring the coming age! One of the Institute boys came to me the other day to say that he thought of giving up his purpose of applying for West Point to enter the ministry. Another is willing to go to the foreign field as a General Secretary."

Early in the new year Mr. Sayford hoped to spend March, April, and May in the colleges on the Pacific Coast, but subsequent developments seemed to necessitate a change of programme. He writes from a college in Alabama: "I have concluded to heed the loud calls from the colleges in this lower country, since I am here. If there is time, I will give attention to other parts of the country. A large number of the students here covenanted to-day to lead better Christian lives, and twelve fellows expressed desire to be Christians. They plead with me to remain longer, but the pressure from other places compels my hurrying on. I hear very encouraging news from most of the colleges visited." It is earnestly hoped that Mr. Sayford will be led to continue in this much needed work in the colleges at least another year. Indeed the urgent calls that come to him indicate a felt need far greater than can possibly be met by one man.

The Bible Class.

Topical Studies.*

(CONTINUED.)

Lesson VIII.

Part I. Bible Topic.

B. The man who is a Christian.

1. What assurance has he concerning his past sins?

Lesson IX.

Part I. Bible Topic.

B. The man who is a Christian (continued).

2. What provision has he for the present?

(a) A new nature.

- (b) A Saviour who not only died to save him from his past sins, but who also lives to save him constantly.

Lesson X.

Part I. Bible Topic.

B. The man who is a Christian (continued).

2. (c) A supernatural power within him to be his constant helper.

- (d) An infallible standard by which to guide his life.

Lesson XI.

Part I. Bible Topic.

B. The man who is a Christian (continued).

3. On what shall he base his hope for the future?

(a) The giving of God's Son.

(b) The promises of Christ Himself.

Lesson XII.

Part I. Bible Topic.

B. The man who is a Christian (continued).

3. (c) The Resurrection.

- (d) The significance of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson XIII.

Review of preceding five lessons.

1. Outline of Bible Topics and of cases treated.

2. Bible drill on key passages of topics and cases.

Lesson XIV.

Part I. Bible Topic.

C. How to become a Christian.

1. What has God done?

Lesson XV.

Part I. Bible Topic.

C. How to become a Christian (continued).

2. What has Christ done?

(To be concluded in May INTERCOLLEGIAN).

* These outlines are for the class. A special leaflet is prepared for leaders of classes and can be obtained by writing to the International Committee, 40 E. 23d Street, N. Y.

Students are constantly asking about a good commentary. We would strongly recommend the Cambridge Bible Series of which Macmillan & Co. are the agents in this country. Each volume is of convenient size and moderate price. They are scholarly, (yet not pedantic), clear, up to the times, and very trustworthy. Their first aim is to explain and interpret,—to enable a student to thoroughly understand his material. As some one has suggested, however, when a man has mastered the contents of his Bible, he can usually be trusted to make the application.

Students Volunteer Mission Notes.

THE Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, West Virginia, has pledged \$350 for the support of a missionary. There are 21 men in the Seminary. They hope to get \$450 from the Seminary and the balance necessary from their college at Beaver Falls.

Mr. R. P. Wilder writes January 22: "Last night students in Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O., moved to unite with a neighboring church in supporting a foreign missionary. Last week 50 men in Lebanon, Tenn., pledged \$350 for the support of an alumnus in the foreign field. They expect to raise enough more in this institution to make it \$600 (the amount necessary under their Board). The church in Lebanon will probably send out another man.

Perhaps some of us can understand more fully than we once could the meaning of the following lines, written by one who has lately determined to become a missionary of Christ: "I feel a new interest and increased zest in

life. I have now a motive power which bids me waste my time no longer. I wish to go out to Japan if I have to pay my own expenses, and dedicate my life to the great and noble work of telling of Christ Jesus and Him crucified."

Partial reports concerning Volunteers, sent by various foreign mission boards to Mr. W. H. Hannum, corresponding secretary of the Volunteer movement, give some interesting facts. One hundred and three Volunteers have been sent, and sixteen others are appointed. They have gone out under twelve different Boards, eighteen have gone to China, sixteen to India, nineteen to Japan, including nine who have become teachers in Japanese schools, and smaller numbers to Africa, Bulgaria, Burma, Korea, Laos, Mexico, North America Indians, Persia, Siam, Syria, and Turkey. Forty-nine institutions are represented; of these Princeton, McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago), and Oberlin stand at the head in point of number sent. Sixty-six are men, thirty-seven women. What will the record be five years from to-day?

A writer in the *Christian* states that there are in the Soudan over sixty millions of natives, a large proportion being reachable through the Arabic language. R. S. M., JR.

"THE present has been a *red letter* year in the history of the college. [William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.] The number in attendance has not been quite so large as last year, but the good order, diligence and general faithfulness on the part of the students has never been surpassed, if indeed it has ever been equalled, since the founding of the institution. Various influences have perhaps contributed toward bringing about this good result, but I cannot help expressing the belief that the most potent of all has been that exercised by the College Young Men's Christian Association, whose activities have been wonderfully developed during the present session." —*Letter to the "Central Baptist," written by Prof. J. G. Clark.*

Notes from the Field.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES.

"Rah! rah! rah! Ya-a-a-le" was the first notice on February 15th to the sober citizens of Worcester that something had broken loose in their vicinity. "Let me see," says one, "is there going to be an athletic rally or a boat race to-day?" Poor man, he was way behind the times! When he was in college, nothing but athletics would have drawn thirty-seven Yale men so far away from New Haven for so long a time. But now with 125 others they were assembling for a Christian conference of New England college men. A grand conference too of earnest, jolly, manly students. Dr. Beardslee of Hartford made no "uncertain sound" in his appeal, that evening, for "athletes for God, fine, all-round men, models, holding zeal and knowledge in even balance." The reports on Saturday morning showed the constituency covered by the organization to number about 7,500, and a membership of about 2,700, there being twenty-five Associations. The report of work done was encouraging; that of direct conversions and of the Volunteers was incomplete. A discussion of Deputation work seemed to show that New England men favor its extension in all sorts of ways, and are thoroughly committed to it. THE INTERCOLLEGIAN came in, too, for a friendly handling by Messrs. Hazen and Ford. They seemed to voice the general sentiment of the conference by favoring the existence and continuance of the journal, predicting for it a future of great possibilities, urging that its visits be more frequent, its news items less condensed, and that there be joint discussions of timely topics by students. Much attention was given to Bible study in the conference, culminating in the novel and suggestive exposition of the book of Joel by Prof. Harper. It made one wish that he had studied the Minor Prophets himself. The conference was full of good things, but they were simply packed into the farewell session. Much was said by the International secretaries to bring out an impression of the greatness and urgency of the Intercollegiate work: Mr. Wilder capped his addresses on missions by a stirring personal appeal: Mr. J. B. Reynolds, the one of all others at the conference most instrumental in developing college work in New England, made a powerful address somewhat reminiscent, somewhat prophetic, turning finally the thoughts and good wishes of all toward his projected tour among college men of Europe. After sending through him a hearty greeting to the colleges of Old England, the addresses were aptly closed by a pointed and witty speech from General Armstrong, who expressed the spirit of the conference by his closing sentence, "Make yourselves good, round shot and fire yourselves as far as your powder will carry you."

A College Conference was held at Lebanon College, West Tennessee, January 11-13, at which there were delegates from seven colleges. It resulted in stimulating the College Association work throughout that part of the State. It awakened a special religious interest at Lebanon College. The Association membership was greatly increased, several became missionary volunteers, and over \$350 was pledged to support a missionary.

The eight colleges of East Tennessee held a conference at Knoxville, February 1-3. Over sixty delegates were present. The conference was characterized by remarkable spiritual power. It started a revival in the University of Tennessee—the greatest known in its history. Many leading students came out clearly for Christ.

At a Medical Students' Missionary Conference held in Cincinnati January 20th, we had with us Mr. R. P. Wilder of Princeton, Dr. H. Martin Scudder of Chicago, nine years a Medical Missionary in India; Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D., Secretary of the Alliance of the Presbyterian Churches of America, and Mr. C. K. Ober of New York. Some previous planning had been done for this conference by a social reception for the students, two special sermons for students, which touched upon Foreign Medical Mission Work, and neat invitations and programs, addressed to every student in the city.

Dr. Roberts gave a brief account of the World's Missionary Conference, held in London last year.

Mr. C. K. Ober outlined the work of the "Student Movement," while Mr. Wilder, in a very graphic, deeply impressive, and interesting manner presented the needs of the young men in foreign fields.

Dr. Scudder told of the remarkable work now being accomplished in heathen lands by medical missionaries, giving many interesting points from his personal experience. He then conducted a lively "quiz" on the detail work of such a missionary.

There were about three hundred students present at the conference. Eight of them stand pledged to Foreign Mission Work.

An interest in this work is developing rapidly among the students. Their eyes are opening to its urgency and importance. Only yesterday one said to me that if the statements made in reference to this foreign work are facts, it has an irresistible claim upon himself, and the same must be true with others, and the only thing to do is to obey the Master's voice, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

G. T. H.

THE WEST.

At NAPA COLLEGE, Cal., the membership is constantly increasing. The matter of an Association building is under serious consideration. A new impetus was given to the work by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Wishard, early in December.

Throughout the year the Christian work in the UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC has been greatly blessed. Fifteen young men accepted Christ during the fall term in the Association meetings. As a result of the Conference of the California Colleges, presided over by Mr. Wishard, great good is looked for. At that time steps were taken to effect a State organization.

The Association of the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA has taken the steps preliminary to incorporating under the laws of the State, for the purpose of erecting a building, as soon as sufficient money has been raised.

At DOANE COLLEGE, Nebraska, prayer meetings are held five days each week, just preceding chapel exercises. These are well attended and interesting. In connection with the Week of Prayer four young men were brought to Christ.

Several among the students at CARLETON COLLEGE, Minn., have become Christians. Two training classes are maintained with a good degree of interest. Real work is being done in the missionary meetings.

The Association at LANE UNIVERSITY, Kansas, is only a year old, but it is doing good work and is looking forward to larger things. It pledged \$25 to the State fund.

The UNIVERSITY BRANCH of the Association at Lawrence, Kan., now hold their meetings in the University hall, and they are better attended than when in the rooms of the city Association, and the interest is increasing.

PARK COLLEGE, Mo.—The College Association is doing quiet but effective work this winter, the prayer meetings being well attended, with many tokens of interest. Several have united with the college church lately who were converted during the Week of Prayer, in November.

As an outgrowth of the State Convention, a Bible training class was organized at LEWIS COLLEGE, Mo., which will probably follow the course outlined in the INTERCOLLEGIAN.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF IOWA maintains a daily prayer meeting, a Sunday afternoon gospel meeting, and two Bible training classes. The delegates to the State Convention carried back to their college a great blessing. In the church and college, which are very closely related, about 100 conversions occurred during January.

As a result of personal work in PENN COLLEGE, IA., four young men took the first steps in the Christian life during the Week of Prayer. The Association is in a flourishing condition.

The Association in UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY is doing a strong personal and general work. Young men are being reached who probably would not be through the influence of the church alone.

At the IOWA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL it is unusual when a meeting passes without some one signifying a desire to become a Christian. "Section prayers" are held every evening in the dormitories, and a Bible class Sunday morning, besides the regular weekly meetings.

MIDDLE STATES.

Good work is done in the Association at LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, Appleton, Wis. Special aid is being given by it to the state work by raising sums of money in surrounding cities.

The members of the Association at LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Illinois, are alive to the work to be done in their midst. Their meetings, and especially those held each morning, are very spiritual and helpful.

The Association at the UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA is not in a very flourishing condition. This is due in great measure to the fact that the denominational schools seem to absorb a large proportion of the ready-made Christian material in the state.

MUSKINGUM COLLEGE is alive to the interests of missions. During the last year they sent two missionaries to India, and these they help to support. The social element is made prominent in the Christian work of the Association.

Though the Association at ADELBERT COLLEGE, O., is not a large or very strong one, it maintains a regular prayer meeting, and the few who gather there are helped and blessed.

WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY, O., reports a pleasant new room, six associate members become Christians, and the Association in a good condition.

The Week of Prayer was observed with good results at OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY, O. Much attention is given to personal work. The meetings held in the students' rooms are found very helpful. More earnest Bible study is much needed.

Over two hundred college delegates attended the Ohio State Convention.

The Association at ALMA COLLEGE, Mich., is in a flourishing condition with a very bright outlook. New impetus was given to the work in consequence of the district and state conventions.

A prominent feature of the work at ANN ARBOR is the Sunday morning meeting, usually led by some member of the faculty. Large results are looked for from a series of meetings for students which were to begin February 24th. There is an earnest desire among the Christians in the University to win souls for Christ.

ALBION COLLEGE, Mich., writes of a revival which has resulted in thirty conversions. The most effective instrumentality has been personal work.

THE EAST.

Neighborhood work is one of the lines of activity in CENTENARY COLL. INSTITUTE, N. J. The personal work done is bringing large results.

Beginning with the Week of Prayer, PEDDIE INSTITUTE, N. J., has had such a season of spiritual refreshing as has never before been known in its history. About thirty have begun the new life.

At PRINCETON there is deep and enthusiastic interest in missions. An effort is being made to canvass every church in New Jersey in the interest of the Volunteer movement. R. E. Speer, '89, and W. W. Smith, '89, have visited 46 places, and as a result 90 have volunteered for the foreign field, more than \$8,000 has been pledged for the work, and the support for several missionaries has been promised. On the Day of Prayer, Dr. John Hall preached twice.

During the Week of Prayer the whole student body at SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, N. Y., was wonderfully moved, and some ten or twelve began the Christian life. The "Workers' Training Class" is very helpful in the personal work which is done.

The Association at HARTWICK SEMINARY, N. Y., is sadly in need of a room to be always open to the students, and a gymnasium.

The Association at MADISON UNIVERSITY, N. Y., is now in its new rooms in Alumni Hall. The Christians have been quickened and three young men in the Academy have been brought to Christ. Class prayer meetings are held by the juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

At COLGATE ACADEMY there has been a revival in which Christians have been quickened to new activity, and many of those who were indifferent have been brought into allegiance with Christ.

The system of reports introduced this year by CORNELL, is no longer an experiment, but has proved itself indispensable. The committee for appointing topics and leaders and the invitation committee are working together for the best results of the gospel meetings, choosing strong leaders and plain topics, and making an effort to bring unconverted men into the meetings. A deep interest and an earnest consecration pervades the Association.

At ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY, N. Y., the Association has its regular weekly meeting after lectures Saturday morning, and the plan works admirably.

The N. Y. UNIVERSITY Association is not a very strong one, not because of any indifference to Christian duties, but because most of the students live at their homes. Some travel many miles from the suburbs each day, so they are not thrown together as are students in most colleges.

BOWDOIN has elective Bible study as a result of a petition from the students to the faculty. 23 out of 38 seniors have taken this elective this year.

The delegates to the State Convention from VERMONT ACADEMY took back with them something of the spirit of that gathering, and the Association is trying to do more effective personal work. The meetings are enthusiastic and inspiring.

One result of the Vermont State Convention is the increased attendance at the prayer meetings, and the greater spiritual activity at MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

This year the Association at WORCESTER ACADEMY has organized its work on a better committee plan than heretofore. A social in the middle of the school year, as well as in the fall, is considered desirable for the purpose of emphasizing the social side of the Association. There is a good deal of missionary interest, and several lectures on missionary subjects have been given before the students. There are about a dozen volunteers.

A goodly number of members has been added of late to the MASS. AGRI. COLLEGE Association, at Amherst. The president is captain of the college football team.

The Association in CENTRAL PA. COLLEGE is in a very prosperous condition, the students being active in work at home, and interested in all that is being done in foreign fields. Revival meetings are being conducted by some of the students at Mountain Chapel, about two miles from the college.

Good work is going on quietly in the STATE NORMAL SCHOOL at Mansfield, Pa., and those are confessing Christ who never knew him before.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE has had a special awakening in the missionary cause; and, accompanying this, there has been a revival and quickening of Christ's work among the students. During R. P. Wilder's visit at Lafayette, a subscription of \$800 was pledged for the support of one of the alumni in the foreign field. God has blessed the college this winter.

The Association at Annapolis, at the NAVAL ACADEMY, has arranged a course of reading of the best religious works. A number of the members of the Association has entered into the plan. A careful analysis of the books read will be prepared at the close of the term.

During the Week of Prayer for young men, the interest at RUTGERS COLLEGE, N. J., was very marked, and as a result several took their stand for Christ. Personal and neighborhood work have been pursued with encouraging results. The Deputation work is highly appreciated by those whom it reaches, and is benefiting those who do it. The subject of Bible study is being vigorously agitated and classes will no doubt be formed throughout the college.

There are four Sunday schools maintained by members of the Association at WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, Pa.; and they conduct three mission prayer meetings. Sunday afternoons there is held a meeting for the younger students and those who are timid about taking part in the general meeting, at which the president of the Association is present. These meetings are spiritual and helpful, and the desired results are being reached in the members taking part freely and easily. Rev. Rhea Ewing, D.D., class of '76, has been chosen president of the Lahore Christian College, India. There is in India an Alumni Association of W. and J. graduates.

The students of YALE UNIVERSITY were fortunate in having Dr. Broadus, of Louisville, with them on the Day of Prayer. Few men are so well fitted as he by ripe wisdom, long experience, and power of apt expression to sway a college audience. He made a powerful appeal to all classes of college men, urging them to yield themselves freely to the influence of the Spirit.

Yale has 415 members in the Association, a trifle over one-third of those eligible, a gain of 60 over last year. Twenty deputations have been sent out during the past year to a large variety of places. President Dwight is conducting a well attended Inductive Bible Class in Dwight Hall every Sunday, especially for "Sheff." men.

THE SOUTH.

A strong work is in progress at WASHINGTON COLLEGE, Tenn. The Christians are taking a more positive stand, and many are confessing Christ for the first time. They ask for prayers for the furtherance of the work. There is in connection with the Association a ladies' auxiliary and a boys' branch.

The Association at HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE, Va., has opened a reading-room which is proving the most popular place in the college. For one dollar members are admitted into the reading-room and into the Seminary gymnasium, the use of which has been purchased from the Seminary.

The meetings of the Association at WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, Va., are well attended, and there is especial interest taken in mission work. This Association and the one at the Virginia Military Institute, hold joint meetings monthly, which are very successful.

At McTYEIRE INSTITUTE, Tenn., there is a good deal of interest manifested by those who are not Christians, and some of them are asking to be prayed for. A Bible training class has been organized. February 17th, the BETHEL COLLEGE Association met with McTyeire in McTyeire's Hall. Two men from each Association spoke on the subject, "Christian Development." An interesting time.

The RICHMOND COLLEGE Association is conducting four missions and supplying five Sunday schools in the city. During the association year, ending February, '89, there have been fifty conversions in the four missions.

At the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA seven or eight prayer meetings are held in different parts of the college, and the Christians are very much in earnest. Last fall two of the young men went out to Japan. They teach in the Government schools and do mission work. There is a growing interest along that line.

From a small beginning the Association of OAK RIDGE COLLEGE, N. C., has become an earnest and permanent institution. There are two regular meetings each week, and a business meeting once a month.

Everything is in fine working order in the UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. There is intense missionary interest. As a direct outcome of the Week of Prayer about fifty students have taken a stand as Christians.

Seven-eighths of the students at WOFFORD COLLEGE, S. C., are members of the Association. Several are especially zealous, and are preparing themselves for direct Association work. There are three Bible training classes. A good deal of personal work is being done. A committee has recently been appointed to correspond with other college Associations.

General Clayton has recently fitted up a room for the Association at the University of Alabama. It is one of the most attractive rooms in the University.

Three years ago the Association at Tusculum College sent a delegate to the Summer School. As a consequence the work of that Association is in advance of that of any other Association in that section of the country. Similar testimony could be given by many an Association throughout the country.

FOREIGN LANDS.

Mr. Hagop Bulbulian, a graduate of Central Turkey College, and later on a student in this country, has returned to Aintab to become the Secretary of the Association work in that city. The features of his work at present are a night school of about forty, five evangelistic meetings per week, reaching often 400 or 500 young men at a time, special Sunday schools for "street Arabs," and occasional lectures.

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COLLEGE SECRETARY MOTT reports that every college that he has visited since the New England College Conference has voted to be represented at Northfield next summer.

THE Associations of Oak Ridge Institute and the University of North Carolina are each planning to send one of their men to the Springfield school for gymnasium instructors next summer. Next year these men will conduct the gymnasiums of their colleges under the supervision of the Associations.

WE are glad to welcome into the Intercollegiate movement Acadia College of the "Land of Evangeline," the leading Baptist college of the Dominion, and The Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, in whose world-wide reputation all Americans justly take pride.

THE expense of the large edition of this number of the INTERCOLLEGIAN has compelled the publisher to devote considerable space to advertising, all of which, however, is well worth reading. We take pleasure in calling attention to the special features of this issue, the articles of practical importance, the review of the year, our interesting foreign correspondence, the Bible studies, the book reviews, and the items of general interest.

We believe that it will commend itself to our readers, and to those whom we hope to make such.

THE relation of theological students to the Association movement is often trying. They find it difficult to draw the line between a professional direction of affairs and a hearty coöperation with students of less religious experience. Their college associates are apt to shirk responsibility or assert it. We believe that coöperation is better than the withdrawal of theological men, if they are willing to allow the college members to hold the offices and to direct the committee system. The responsibility belongs primarily to the college man. If he seeks to throw it on the theological student, the latter should withdraw from active membership, taking care, however, to show that his sympathies are heartily with the work.

THE summer vacation is rapidly becoming a period set apart for work which supplements or applies the results of the year of study. The college student looks forward to twelve days of inspiration at Northfield; those about to become theological students, if they are wise, have decided to study Hebrew for three or six weeks in one of the Summer schools. Such a course gives them a great advantage in the work of the first year in a Seminary. The summer offers a grand chance to all college Association men for applied Christianity. Some have already decided to devote sometime to the making of addresses on missions before churches. We hope that others will take pains to address the churches at and near their homes on Christian work in colleges. Others still will find abundant opportunity to help the local Association work wherever they may be. In this connection we would mention the College Vacation Ticket, which may be purchased from the International committee for five cents. With this in his possession any college Association man may freely enjoy the privileges of any Association he may visit during any of his vacations. It is well worth possessing.

Boston was the pioneer to offer a solution of an important problem in collegiate Christian work,—the question of maintaining a definite and adequate religious work at a college where no dormitory system exists, or in a city where there are groups of such colleges. New York was not far behind in giving practical shape to a somewhat different plan to the same end. Chicago and Philadelphia are cities which no less than these are swarming with students among whom no aggressive permanent Christian organization exists. We have been at pains to collect a few statistics. In Boston there were about 1900 students (male) thus uncared for except in a general way by the churches: about 350 of these graduate every year. In Philadelphia there are nearly 2800 students in eight essentially distinct institutions of whom over 1000 graduate yearly. In Chicago there are ten institutions naturally in affiliation with such an intercollegiate work, with over 2000 students, and probably about 700 graduate each year. These figures give us a vivid sense of the importance of a special work among the college men of these cities.

What every Association needs.

The College Association, like every other form of organized work, must have a home—an adequate basis from which to project the many lines of Association activity. It should have as good a room or building as any literary society, fraternity or social club, in the college. It is absolutely impossible to carry on the best Association work without such a home. Experience has demonstrated beyond any doubt, that those Associations with rooms or buildings have done a broader, more effective, and far more influential work, than Associations without them.

Large chapels, dingy and dusty class-rooms, society halls, students' rooms, etc., were not designed for Association work, and as a rule are not adapted to it. The Association hall, like the debating hall, must be fitted up with special adaptability to the work to be done. Remember the character and size of the meetings to be held, and fit up the rooms accordingly. Keep in mind the fact that the Association is a social organization, and plan its headquarters with this in view. It is also well to look forward to the time, if it has not

already arrived, when the Association will have charge of the young men's reading-room of the college. Above all, do not forget that the Association rooms should be looked upon as the students' *home*—with all that that word implies to the student.

On our first page is a picture of the beautifully appointed room of the Boston Intercollegiate Association. Let those Associations which cannot afford more than one room examine this one carefully and take it as a model. How many society halls have we in some of the poorest colleges of America which have been fitted up at a greater expense even than this room at Boston? There are three reasons why we can and should have just as good rooms for the College Association as for any other student organization: (1) Because the Association includes men from *all* student organizations. (2) Because the *nature* of its work absolutely demands rooms especially designed for it. (3) Because the *importance* of its work demands that it be placed upon the best possible footing.

The College Associations have fairly entered upon their building era. The examples of Yale and Toronto have convinced those most familiar with the College Associations that a building greatly enhances the power, efficiency and influence, of an Association. Bands of Association men, both among students and faculties in different colleges, are beginning to realize this important fact. Consequently we see building canvasses started in a number of prominent institutions. Dartmouth is moving toward a \$10,000 building. Hamilton will enter one within a few days costing about \$30,000. The Cornell building costing fully \$60,000 is practically completed. There is a rumor that the influence of the Yale building is leading the Harvard men to see the desirability of placing their Association work on the same favorable footing. Word comes from the President of a prominent Missouri college that their Association must have a building. The Association at Oak Ridge Institute in North Carolina, this summer, is going to erect a \$2,500 building. It will include a gymnasium under the direction of the Association. The Association of the University of Virginia has purchased a six-acre athletic field, and means to place a \$40,000 building in the center of the field. It will also include a gymnasium. Several thousand dollars have been promised very recently toward this structure. The Associations in the State Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa are running a race to see which will first secure a \$40,000 home. Besides these

there are several other Associations each with the nucleus of a building fund.

Let each Association take steps at once to secure either a room or building at the earliest possible date. The money will not be lacking if we pray for it, show that we need it, and work for it. J. R. MOTT.

Since September.

Since the beginning of the college year the traveling secretaries in the college work have been birds of passage, their flight has been rapid and continuous, and their visits necessarily short. But, owing chiefly to the physical difficulty of being in two places at the same time, it has not been possible even to touch, with a two days' visit, the entire field of the College Association work. And yet much has been done, and this has been in many respects the best year in the history of the Intercollegiate work. Thorough work has been done in twenty States, and a partial work accomplished in eight more. In all, some 116 colleges have been visited between September 15th and April 21st. New Associations have been organized in a number of important colleges and universities, the latest to report being that in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. In four of our *large cities*, New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, substantial progress has been made toward an Intercollegiate Association work among the medical and other professional students there. It is hoped that at each of these cities a *general secretary* will be employed to give his entire time to the work during the next college year.

State Conventions and College Conferences have been largely attended this year by students. The discussions of the college Association work have been unusually practical and earnest. The secretaries in the college work have been present at fifteen State Conventions and six College Conferences.

This year has witnessed the completion of two new *buildings* designed expressly for the use of the Associations at Cornell University and at Hamilton College. The possession of these buildings indicates permanence for the College Association work, and also greater influence and efficiency in these institutions. It also brings into the work in these colleges a new and important agent in the person of the General Secretary who gives his entire time to organizing, and directing the larger activity made possible by these increased facilities.

Bible study has received special emphasis this year: (1) In addresses and conferences at

conventions and in college visitation. (2) By a special course of study prepared for Bible Training classes by the college secretaries. (3) In preparation for the coming Northfield meeting.

For the first time in the history of the college work, the entire time of one man has been given to *special religious work* in the colleges. Since last September, Mr. Sayford has visited twenty-four colleges and universities, in eleven different States, spending from four to ten days in each place, with most encouraging results.

The Missionary Department stands on a stronger footing to-day than ever before. The visits of Mr. Wilder have imparted new stimulus and introduced improved methods of developing and conserving missionary interest in the college Associations.

The "Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions," has become a much better organized department of the college Association work.

In conclusion, the work of the year has been one of organization and development, as well as of extension, at home and abroad. It is with profound thankfulness that we read the latest intelligence from Mr. Wishard, concerning the encouraging beginning of his work among the students of Japan. "There remaineth much more land to be possessed. Let us go up at once and possess it!"

C. K. OBER.

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College Work in Japan.

II.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

Shortly after my arrival in Japan an invitation was received by Mr. Swift and myself from the students and faculty of The Doshisha—the leading Christian college of the Empire, requesting us to spend some days in that institution conducting evangelistic meetings. After a twenty-four hours voyage to Kobe and a few hours journey by rail, broken by a short stop at Osaka to call upon Porter of Maryville College, '77, and see the first and only Association building in Asia, we arrived at Kyoto in the early evening, and were soon rolling along in *kuramas* (as the jinrikisha is called in that part of Japan) in company with Dr. Davis, better known as Col. Davis in America, and Mr. Cody, with whom I had had the pleasure of coöperating, eight years and a half ago, in forming the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance. I am continually running across old college friends in this country. Among the first to greet us at the Doshisha were Bartlett of Dartmouth, '87, one of the first of the missionary volunteers to reach the foreign field, Buckley of Michigan University, '84, and Stanford of Amherst, '82. I think we could muster quite a good sized college conference in Japan of American college Association alumni, and we shall probably do this soon.

Not knowing what else to do in this first experience in college work in Japan, we did just what we would do in an American college, the only variation in subjects being that more was said concerning the supernatural origin of the Bible, and the evidences for the divinity of Christ aside from his

miracles, than would be called for in America. The evenings were devoted to meetings, sometimes with college classes separately, again with Christians or the unconverted, and occasionally union meetings were held. The afternoons were spent in conversations, the students crowding our rooms to ask questions. At first the questions were general and some were inclined to quiz us about secular matters in America. This, however, was transient. The questions soon assumed an exclusively religious character, and continued so to the end.

Some of those afternoon experiences will never be forgotten. One day I divided the crowd into two sections, leaving Bartlett with those who were doubtful of the inspiration of the Bible, and taking with me twenty-two men who were ready to accept Christ if the plan of salvation could be explained. We spent an hour upon this subject, and I finally asked as many of the men who were ready then and there to accept Christ to indicate it. Seventeen of them pronounced themselves satisfied with the evidence, and willing to trust their salvation to Christ. The remaining five were still unsatisfied. I asked them what would convince them beyond a doubt of Christ's willingness to save them. They didn't know. I said, "If I should tell you that you had come into possession of a piece of property, what could satisfy you beyond a doubt that the property is really yours?" One of them answered, "If we could see it, we would be satisfied." I replied, "Even if you should see it and walk all over it, would you be satisfied that it was actually yours?" They saw the point, but still didn't fully understand the drift of my question. Finally I said, "Supposing you could see the legal papers, the record?" "Oh!" they exclaimed, "that would settle the question." "Well," I said, "turn to 1 Jno. 5:11, and you will see the record." They eagerly seized their Testaments, and turning to the place, bent anxiously over the page, and for the first time intelligently read, "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." There was a deep silence in the room for a moment, and then one of them lifted his face to mine, and it beamed with the light of a new life. He reached his hand to grasp mine, I said, "Is the question settled?" "Yes, it is settled," was the reply, and they all said the same. There was joy in that room, such as I had never before experienced in equal measure. The interpreter said, "Let us pray"—and he offered a prayer of thanksgiving which I am

sure Christ heard and understood. I shall never forget the sight of those earnest faces bending over the record. I shall never forget the joy of that hour of their new birth. As I watched them with dimmed eyes, I saw with the eye of faith the angels bending low over the battlements of heaven to behold that glad sight, and I am sure the galleries of heaven rang while

"The angels echoed around the throne,
Rejoice! for the Lord brings back his own."

Just what the results of those meetings are cannot be fully told. I am in receipt of a letter from the college, announcing that one hundred and three students were baptized last Sunday.

Since the work there I have held meetings in the college of the United Church in Tokyo, where a number of conversions have already occurred. A meeting of Confession was held there one morning, continuing for over four hours, which some of the faculty told me was the most remarkable meeting they had ever witnessed in Japan. I was not present. It drew the students and teachers into very close bonds of sympathy. I am now conducting meetings with the Methodist colleges, and hold an occasional meeting with the students of the university, and upper-middle colleges. The difficulty in conducting these meetings among the government students consists in the lack of a suitable building near the institutions. This difficulty is being removed. A lot has just been bought within three minutes' walk from the university gate, on which it is proposed to erect, at once, a building adapted to social and religious work. This will be the first college building of the Young Men's Christian Association in Asia.

My program is crowded full until July 11th. I shall visit the four other cities in the Empire, where large government preparatory schools are located. The students of Doshisha have asked us to conduct a College Student's Summer School for Bible study, which will assemble there June 29th, for ten or twelve days. The school will be conducted so similarly to the one in Northfield, that no special account of the proposed program is called for here. Whether I shall then go to China, or yield to the pressure for several months more of work here in the fall, is uncertain. I am so fully persuaded that these early showers are in answer to prayer, that I earnestly ask for such continuance in prayer, by the American students, as shall bring down a mighty flood of blessing upon the students of Japan and the far East.

L. D. WISHARD.

Methods of Work in the British Universities.

[From our European Correspondent.]

All who were at Northfield last summer and thrice that number who are doubtless planning to be there this year, besides hundreds more, who have felt themselves strengthened by the inspiration of our newly established Christian fellowship with students in European universities, will rejoice to learn that these relations will be continued. I have just finished a visit to Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dublin. It was a privilege to extend greetings from the American colleges with which I had been commissioned, and to invite further representation at our Northfield Conference this summer. The response was in every case most cordial, and the invitation will probably be accepted by all the universities named. I am glad to express here my indebtedness to the students themselves and to many friends interested in student Christian work in Great Britain, for their bountiful hospitality. It was a pleasure to find among many differences of customs and habits, that same spirit of fellowship which is the charm of our own student life.

An examination of the Christian work done in these universities, discloses several interesting features. I saw much earnest effort and encountered many men of sterling Christian character. But I can here only notice briefly three general characteristics in which their student life and Christian work seems to differ in its standpoint and method from our own.

(1) Individualism. There is much more reserve than is found with us. Men who are strangers do not become acquainted so quickly. This is, perhaps, helped by the lack of university feeling and general *esprit de corps*. In Cambridge and Oxford, where this exists to a larger extent, the same result is brought about by the separation of the men in different colleges and the social distinctions which generally determine a man's friends. The result of the facts as related to Christian work is, that it is difficult to unite the men into one organization for carrying on various lines of Christian activity.

(2) Fellowship. The only regular religious conference sustained by the students is that held annually between Oxford and Cambridge. Last fall as the result of acquaintances made during the tour to America, Edinburgh was invited to send delegates and did so. But otherwise each university carries

on its work independently, and generally knows nothing of what is being done by the others.

(3) Mission Work. While the individualistic spirit has hindered the students here from paying as much attention to Christian effort among their fellow students as is given by us, yet they certainly exceed us in their activity in general evangelistic work. Every university has bands of men carrying on missions and holding open air meetings, while many students take up special work for the summer vacation.

But these various points of difference only make us rejoice the more that we have come into fellowship with the students of Great Britain. For we feel that our conferences with one another may be made productive of great mutual good.

In our own American work we have found that, though the experience and ideas of one college cannot be exactly copied by another, yet great benefits have been gained by our fellowship. In a similar way I believe we will discover that converse and discussion with students of other countries regarding our common work will give to all concerned encouragement, inspiration and suggestions, for our various lines of Christian effort.

J. B. REYNOLDS.

*The Young Men's Christian Association
as a Field of Work for College
Graduates.*

[For the INTERCOLLEGIAN.]

It is true that the wide-branching development of this work for young men had an insignificant if not an unpromising origin. Acorn-like this Association oak of to-day and of the future was concealed rather than revealed in its humble beginnings. But from these, passing through a period of probation and experiment, struggling against various discouragements, languishing at times from a misconception of its own true aim, mismanaged and hindered by its would-be friends, misunderstood and antagonized by those who ought to have encouraged it, oft-times suffering temporary failures, but reviving, even after apparent death and burial, because needed, and because of an increasingly intelligent appreciation of this need, it has at length attained a definite aim, a sure footing, a world-wide organization, a multiform and vigorous development, which betoken the energy of a great institution still in the period of its youth. With this wiser management, and better understanding

of its work, has come a more generous confidence and deeper interest on the part of business men. This interest has found practical expression in well located, admirably arranged, and finely equipped buildings. These in turn have accelerated the substantial growth in every direction.

Closely identified with this marvelous development, partly as a cause and partly as an effect, are the office and work of those who have been called to be its servants and leaders and to weave, into its life, their own heart, brain and muscle.

What is there in the work of these officers of our Associations that renders it attractive to, and worthy of, men of superior mental training?

Take, for example, the duties of the General Secretary of a city Association. These require his vigilant direction of all departments of the work, from the appointment and care of the Association rooms or building, up to the conduct of the Workers' Bible Training Class. He is the *balance wheel* of the Association's human machinery—the one to preserve a proper harmony and equipoise of the work, to see that each part receives due attention, according to its relative importance. The Secretary is also the *driving wheel* of the Association, both to keep the work on the right track, and to keep it constantly on the move. He is to do this, however, not by performing a certain amount of individual routine work, but by incorporating his own wisdom and energy into the activity of officers and committees, whom it is largely his duty to select, enlist, instruct, inspire and direct. To improve to the utmost his official opportunities for usefulness, he must have a thorough acquaintance with the different departments together with mental grasp sufficient to understand them in their mutual relations and to develop them harmoniously. He must not only possess the art of selecting men for widely different positions, but also the art of persuading them to serve. He is to meet and hold men through their interest in physical culture, through their social instincts, or through their desire for reading, discussion, or instruction, as well as through the deeper cravings of their spiritual nature.

When his field is sufficiently large, he may, by wise management, reproduce among the members of his Association the enthusiasm and salutary influence connected with a college gymnasium and college athletics. Through his sympathy with the craving of young men for a better education, he may bring together, in evening educational classes,

(as has been done in some of our larger city Associations) almost as many men as are found in our largest colleges and universities. He will highly value, too, his opportunity to select proper literature for the reading-room and library and to direct young men in a wise use of it. Above all, the conduct of the directly spiritual work of the Association, with its various lines of Bible study and training, and the awakening of an enthusiastic interest in them, offers an almost limitless field for utilizing the choicest mental discipline, which the very best of our colleges affords.

Of the rare opportunities which the position of physical instructor in the Association affords college-trained men, the readers of the INTERCOLLEGIAN will doubtless hear again. Suffice it here to say that, with a knowledge of those branches of medical science, which bear directly upon body-building, a thorough acquaintance with gymnastic and athletic exercises, and a practical training for Christian work combine to enable the Christian physical instructor to come into intimate relations with the large body of young men that are attracted to our well-equipped Association gymnasiums. Such an instructor certainly holds a position second to none in regard to opportunity for utilizing to the uttermost the best of training, physical, intellectual and spiritual.

A close observer of the Association movement and one who is also eminent in professional life, recently said :

"There is opportunity for a great career in the secretarial service. A man who can manage the work of an Association from the beginning to the end of it, who can attend its board and committee meetings and perform the service pertaining to the office of a secretary and yet never be known as master and manager, never exhibit those qualities of mind and heart which drive volunteers from him rather than attract them toward him—that man is a master-man. To deal with young men who come to your rooms for advice and counsel and help, you want the manliest kind of a young man, manly because he exemplifies the life of the young man of Nazareth—'the first true gentleman that ever breathed.' The man who follows out that ideal can lead these Associations still higher in public repute, in influence with men and in the approval of the Master himself. * * * *

As gathering souls is grander than gathering money or gathering earthly fame, so the career of the Association Secretary, well filled out, is grander than professional renown or the wealth of Cæsus."

A college graduate, active and eminent as an Association secretary, says :

"To a life of greatest influence and usefulness three things seem most desirable, and to a college man essential : education, experience, opportunity. Education without experience or experience without education tends to make a man one sided.

"As a student aims, at the outset, to enter the best available college, so after graduation he should seek the best available school of experience. Where is there a better one than the secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Association? There the college man will find himself in daily contact with the business, social, intellectual and religious life of an entire community. No business calling, and few, if any, of the professions will bring one in contact with so many sides of life. There are no graduates in the school of experience, but our work among young men enables a man to cover a course of study of wide range in a comparatively short time. Having education and experience, the young man has a right to seek for opportunity. He need not leave the school of experience we have recommended to find adequate scope for all his faculties and acquirements. As an Association general secretary, any young man who desires to consecrate his life to the service of Jesus Christ will find, in organization, in the study of men, and in winning them, in training Christian workers, in influencing and guiding Christian benevolence, and in ways without number, abundant opportunity to use every educated faculty of his mind, and a field large enough to require all the wisdom of a constantly growing experience."

O. C. MORSE.

Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions

Oberlin has been visited by Mr. Wilder. Thirty-two new volunteers are reported. Between three and four hundred dollars were raised.

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The colleges of North Carolina are planning for an active campaign in that state in the coming months. There are fifteen volunteers in three colleges in the state. Before the year closes they expect to have fifty.

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The Northfield letter to missionary volunteers is out, and a copy will be mailed to every volunteer. Extra copies can be had at three cents apiece.

Mr. W. H. Hannum, Corresponding Secretary of the Volunteer Movement, has issued a circular in order to collect statistics of and about Volunteers. It speaks briefly of the rapid growth of the movement, and the consequent necessity of keeping a reliable record. The good of the cause demands that every volunteer should give immediate and careful attention to these blanks.

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Mr. R. P. Wilder will spend April and May in the West, visiting Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. He has recently been through the South and East. At Louisville, Ky., thirteen men gave themselves to foreign missions. At Mayville, Tenn., six men and six women signed the volunteer paper. At a college conference in East Tennessee five volunteered for foreign missions. At Chapel Hill, N. C., five volunteers and \$187.00 were secured. The university will send a teacher to Japan. At Hampden-Sidney, Va., he left sixteen volunteers, some of whom were not new. At the New England College Conference fourteen were led to give themselves to the foreign work. At Amherst, \$250.00 was raised among a small number of men. Doubtless the amount will be increased to \$700.00.

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At Northfield, last summer, the representatives of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, appointed a committee to devise a plan for conserving and developing this important movement. The plan which this committee has matured, recognizes the fact that the Student Volunteer Movement is confined almost entirely to persons in the College Young Men's Christian Associations, the College Young Woman's Christian Associations and the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance. It is also based upon the wise principle that these three organizations afford ample scope for the movement, and that no new missionary organization is necessary. It provides, therefore, for an executive committee of three,—one from each of the above student organizations,—which shall unify the movement and facilitate its growth. The plan having met with the approval of these three organizations, the first named has appointed Mr. J. R. Mott, and the second has appointed its national secretary, Miss Nettie Dunn, to be members of the committee. The third member will soon be named by the Executive Committee of the Inter-Seminary Alliance.

The Bible Class.

Topical Studies.*

(CONCLUDED.)

Lesson XVI.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
3. What does the Holy Spirit do?
 - (a) Concerning sin.
 - (b) Concerning Christ.
 - (c) In conversion.
 - (d) After conversion.

Lesson XVII.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
4. What does the Bible do?
 - (a) Concerning sin.
 - (b) Concerning Christ.
 - (c) In conversion.
 - (d) After conversion.

Lesson XVIII.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
5. What may the Christian do?
 - (a) After what has been done by God the Father and by Christ, and in view of what is done by the Holy Spirit and by the Bible, what is left for the Christian to do?

Lesson XIX.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
5. (b) How is it possible for one man to win another to an intelligent faith in Christ?

Lesson XX.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
5. (c) What definite things is a Christian expected to do to help another man to become a Christian?

Lesson XXI.

Part I. Bible Topic.

- C. How to become a Christian (continued).
6. "What must I do to be saved?"

Lesson XXII.

Review of preceding eight lessons.

1. Outline of Bible topics and cases treated.
2. Bible drill on key passages of topics and cases.

Lesson XXIII.

Review outline of entire course of Bible topics with review drill on key passages.

Lesson XXIV.

Review outline of all cases treated with review drill on key passages of suggested treatments.

*These outlines are for the class. A special pamphlet is prepared for leaders of classes and can be obtained by writing to the International Committee, Y. M. C. A., 40 E. 23d Street, New York City.

Inductive Bible Studies on the Books of Samuel.

Prepared for the INTERCOLLEGIAN by William R. Harper.
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Announcement.

1. The "study," herewith published, is the first of a series of twenty-four "studies" prepared for college students and to be published in the INTERCOLLEGIAN, beginning October 1st, 1899.

2. Of the twenty-four studies, eight will be given to I Samuel, eight to II Samuel, and eight to topics and questions relating to both books.

3. It is the purpose of the plan pursued to enable the student to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of (1) the two books; (2) this period of history as a whole; (3) the more important topics which connect themselves with these books and their history.

4. The work is arranged (1) in view of the comparatively small amount of time which the college student has for such work, and (2) with the understanding that the study is to be carried on in classes or groups.

5. One will not be able to gain from the first "study" much idea of the "studies" which follow; because each "study" does a different kind of work, and therefore adopts a different plan. The schedule given at the end of this "study" will, however, indicate generally how the work will proceed.

6. Two things will be needed for the accomplishment of satisfactory results: (1) a note-book, for jotting down the material as it is gathered, and for subsequent classification of that material; (2) the two volumes on *Samuel* by Kirkpatrick, in the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges (Macmillan & Co., N. Y.), about 90 cents each.

STUDY I. FIRST SAMUEL I-15.

1. Preliminary Remarks.

1. You will, of course, understand that only work of a general character is expected.

2. In your reading use, by all means, the "Revised Version."

3. It is a mistake to give so much attention, as is done in our day, to the study of verses, to the neglect of chapters and books. Shall we not in these "studies" avoid this mistake? The fifteen chapters of this "study" can be read, with a fair degree of thoroughness, at one sitting of an hour. Try it. The habit of reading several chapters, or even an entire book, is one which should be cultivated. It will grow easier by practice.

2. Directions for individual work.

1. With note-book and pencil in hand read chapter 1: 1-2: 11; in connection with this reading do three things:—

1) Jot down in your note-book as you go along the main points of the story, viz: (1) *Samuel's parents*; (2) *Hannah's prayer and the answer*; (3) *Samuel's dedication*; (4) *The thanksgiving hymn of Hannah*.

2) Find a topic which will cover the thought of this section—a topic which will at once suggest to your mind the details, one about which you can group the whole narrative; e. g., *Samuel's birth and dedication*.

3) With now the main topic, *Samuel's birth and dedication* and the main points under the topic (see above), seize upon the religious lesson which, in the mind of the writer, the narration of these events was intended to teach; this is found in the hymn; e. g.,

(1) Jehovah, the source of deliverance;
(2) Jehovah, incomparable in holiness, power and faithfulness.

(3) The proud are brought down, the humble lifted up,—Jehovah does it.

(4) Those who love him, he guides and guards.

(5) Those who hate him shall perish.

2. Take up next ch. 2: 12-4: 1a and treat in like manner:

1) Jot down in your note-book the main points of the story, viz: (1) *The degraded priesthood*; (2) *Samuel at the tabernacle*; (3) *Message of the man of God*; (4) *Samuel's call and message to Eli*; (5) *Samuel established as priest*.

2) Decide upon a topic which shall include all this material, e. g., *Samuel at Shiloh*, and endeavor to connect the main points with the topic.

3) Try to discover some of the important practical teachings intended to be conveyed by the narrative, e. g., (cf. Kirkpatrick, Samuel).

(1) The contrast throughout between Samuel and the sons of Eli.

(2) The steady growth of Samuel.

(3) The character of Eli, not submissive merely, but weak.

(4) The degradation and decay of religion in the eyes of the people.

3. In a similar way study

1) Chaps. 4: 1b-7: 1, which treat of that sad period when judgment is being visited on the nation and on Eli; here the practical lessons are exceedingly clear, e. g., punishment for sin; Jehovah's defense of the ark.

2) Chap. 7: 2-17, which describes the great work of Samuel as Judge; his reformation and the rout of the Philistines.

4. Now read through chapters 8-11 (it is as interesting as any novel), observing the order prescribed above.

1) Jot down the subject of each chapter, viz:

(1) *Ch. 8.* How the people came to desire a King; the circumstances connected with the request.

(2) *Ch. 9.* How Samuel comes to choose Saul; the circumstances of the private anointing.

(3) *Ch. 10.* How Saul is chosen by the people; the circumstances attending his installation.

(4) *Ch. 11.* How Saul shows his fitness to be King; the circumstances of his confirmation.

2) Obtain a general head for these four chapters, e. g., *The selection and appointment of the First King*, and connect with the subject the details of the four chapters.

3) Write down what seem to you to be the two or three great moral lessons taught by this narrative.

3. Directions for class-work.

1. Secure a leader, the best that can be found.

2. Let each of the four sections indicated above (viz: chaps. 1: 1-2: 11; 2: 12-4: 1a; 4: 1b-7: 17; 8-11; be assigned beforehand to an individual who, having given it special study, will be ready to furnish the class its substance in the best and briefest possible form.

3. Let each member of the class, however, follow out to the best of his ability the directions given above for individual work.

4. Supposing, now, the class to have done this preparatory work, the following suggestions are made as to the kind and order of work to be done during the hour of class-study:

1) The leader will call for the reports of those to whom special sections have been assigned; in the case of each report,

(a) If possible, have the substance placed on a blackboard.

(b) As each of the different kinds of work, viz: the main points, the general heading, the practical lessons, is reported let opportunity be given for criticism and discussion on the part of other members of the class.

(c) Let each member correct or amend the material of his note-book in accordance with the suggestions which he receives in the progress of the work.

2) The hearing of special reports should not be allowed more than half an hour. This having been finished, let the leader endeavor to drill into the class the more important part of the ground covered; in this work many plans will suggest themselves, e. g.,

(a) Write on the board the numbers 1-11, and call upon individuals to state the subject of the particular chapters, of which he may call out the number.

(b) Name a subject or event and ask for the chapter which contains it.

(c) Read a single verse or section and call for the connection in which it is found.

(d) Ask for a rapid survey of the eleven chapters.

(e) Call for the most interesting event; the most significant verse in the ground covered.

(f) Do anything and everything which will serve to impress special parts, or the whole upon the minds of the men; for the sole purpose is to lodge the material in the mind that it may, in time, be ready for use upon every fitting occasion.

Remark. A large amount of this kind of work can be done in twenty minutes, if the leader is himself ready with the material.

3) Devote the last ten minutes to a consideration of the practical points suggested by the material. Here there will naturally be much variety of material. If the class is not too large let each in turn present what seems to him to be the most significant lesson. If this is impracticable, let the leader select individual members to make such statements. In this work, however,

(a) Be careful to avoid commonplace statements, stereotyped expressions, and merely superficial remarks.

(b) Take as the basis not a single detached verse, but a complete story; not some particular detail of the history, but the history itself in its entirety.

(c) Try to ascertain the connection of events, the philosophy of the history, the great plan in accordance with which the material has been collected.

4. Concluding Remarks.

1. It may be repeated that in this preliminary study of the Book only work of the most general character is called for.

2. An effort has been made in the course of this "study" to furnish as large a part of the material as possible and thus to save the time of the student.

3. But every student knows that it is just in so far as he does his own work that he derives profit therefrom. Shall this study not therefore be undertaken with the determination to do as much independent work as possible?

Schedule of future studies.

Study II. A similar study of I Samuel 12-20.

Study III. A similar study of I Samuel 21-31.

Study IV. A classification of the material of I Samuel, including analysis, indexing, etc.

Study V-VIII. The study of special topics in I Samuel; the chronology of the book; the life and work of Samuel; the prophetic order; Saul's life and character; David's life at court; David's life as an outlaw; Psalms written when he was fleeing from Saul; the witch of Endor; etc., etc.

About Books.

There are some recent books of great value to the Christian men in our colleges, which we take pleasure in noticing. A. D. F. Randolph & Co. are issuing a series entitled, *Men of the Bible*, written by competent English scholars, on the lives and times of distinguished Biblical characters. The volumes on Isaiah and Jeremiah are of especial merit, and are really indispensable to one who cannot go to original sources and yet desires a vivid grasp of the prophets, their times and their teachings. The *Life of Christ* in the series, by Vallings, emphasizes His moral and spiritual history rather than His environment. It is well worth study. Each volume costs one dollar.

Many of our readers have seen odd volumes of the *Stories of the Nations*, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons (\$1.50). We would like to call attention to the connected volumes on Chaldaea, Assyria and Media, all written by Madame Ragozin, and wonderfully interesting and fresh. They are valuable for Bible students because of the flood of light they

throw on all periods of Israel's life. When we understand the history of these nations we understand Old Testament politics and prophecy, and many things which before were anomalous or meaningless, become significant. A scholar can find defects in the minor details of these histories. He would hardly accept them as works of reference, and yet for the Bible student they are the very best histories to read, because written from the standpoint of making clear the religious value of the cuneiform records. This was greatly exaggerated some years ago; it is not clearly defined to-day. Such works as these help us to possess the latest results of competent students of the subject. They show, however, that a far more impressive authentication and indorsement of what the Old Testament claims for itself than is to be found in minute coincidences is derivable from the casual testimony of cotemporaneous history. Israel could not have been other than Jehovah's peculiar people.

Are you going to Northfield?

I am, and, if you haven't yet settled this important question, let us reason together about it. One who was at the Mount Hermon meeting three years ago, said: "it scares me almost to death to think how near I came to not coming." He could afford to indulge in such reminiscences because he *was* there, and the prize was safe within his grasp. But imagine his feelings, *if* he could have realized his loss when it was too late to get there.

But there are other reasons why a man should go to Northfield. Some think that it is worth a trip of several thousand miles to be with Mr. Moody for two weeks. I know many who have found this to be true in their case. There are some also who are interested in the Christian welfare of their own college, are connected with the College Association there and believe it is a good thing to get to Northfield and talk the whole subject over with the students they will meet there from a hundred other colleges. One practical idea, well learned and taken back with them to their own college, may increase the value and results of their work several hundred per cent.

Others are looking for a spiritual blessing which will give them new inspiration for their work, and like many who have come to Northfield in previous years, they will receive this best of gifts and blessings.

*News from the Field.**Abroad.*

Mr. J. B. Reynolds received a royal welcome in the English Universities. On the second day after his arrival in London, he attended a meeting of the General Committee of the Oxford Students' Christian Union, and gave the greetings intrusted to him by the New England college men. Thence he went to Oxford, soon after to Edinburgh, where he remained for a week, welcomed everywhere as a friend and guest, thence to Aberdeen, and finally to Glasgow where he was the guest of Prof. Drummond.

He writes enthusiastically of many features of the Christian life in English Universities. The tone of spiritual life is deep and thoughtful, the professors share it more with their students. The mission work among poorer classes is very effective. It is more evident than ever that the commingling of English students with ourselves at Northfield, will be of great good to both parties. Mr. Reynolds hopes for a strong delegation this year.

He writes also that he would be glad to correspond with any college men in America who propose entering any of the European universities and desire to be brought into connection with religious life and work there. A letter will always reach him addressed in care of Hottinguer & Co., 38 rue de Provence, Paris.

Viscount Mishima and Rev. Mr. Ise, of Tokyo, will represent the Associations of Japan at the International Convention in Philadelphia. They will also attend the Summer School in Northfield.

Canada.

The University of New Brunswick Association, organized some three years ago, has had a steady growth, both in numbers and in influence. By the aid of President Harrison of the University, nearly \$1,000 was raised, not long ago, for the complete furnishing of a room for the Association. Quite a handsome sum was left over from this amount and serves as a nucleus for a library fund.

Stimulated by the visit of the Yale men, the Toronto University Association sent out in February two deputations of two men each to Guelph Agricultural College and the Baptist College at Woodstock. As a result of the former, which was sent on February 2d, the Guelph men on March 9th organized an Association assisted by Mr. Cole, the Provincial Secretary, and Mr. Fraser of the University. They begin with an active membership of 31, and an associate of 48; this out of a total attendance of 85 students. The Woodstock deputation on March 10th, also did good work, its conferences being mainly on missions, although the College Y. M. C. A. work was fully discussed. They are now maintaining an efficient Christian work, with a great interest in missions, but have no intercollegiate connection. A University College man visited the Medical Students' Association this term and told them the story of the deputation's visit to Guelph, (besides Christians being stirred up, conversions resulted from the visit to Guelph), and read a letter from Toronto's Missionary in Korea. The Medicals afterwards decided to send a deputation to a medical school in London, Ont., and, in co-operation with the Academics to look after the Veterinary and Pharmacy and Dental students there. It has also been proposed to send out a medical missionary to join Gale in Korea. The reflex influence of all this has done much for the University Association. "*Fellowes are beginning to regard it as illogical that we should have a foreign missionary of our own and have conversions reported by our deputies and not be doing more for our classmates.*"

The West.

The Association at Napa College, Cal., is but two years old, but has "come to stay." It has already been largely influential in bringing about a great change in the moral tone of the college.

A Summer School for Bible Study for Secretaries and Association men is to be held at Hastings for one week in July. A number of college students will probably attend this gathering, who cannot possibly reach Northfield.

State Secretary Nash writes:—"We have had a wonderful work in the Nebraska State Normal since the State Convention. The students there seem determined to lead every unconverted person in the school to Christ during the year and the prospects for accomplishing this are good. Hastings College has also enjoyed a wonderful spiritual blessing."

The Association at Coe College, Iowa, is soon to adopt the constitution, prepared by the International Committee, thus coming into line with the other college associations.

At the University of Iowa, every effort is being put forth, just now, to secure a building. The evident need of it, the purpose to have it, the ability of the students, alumni, and friends to give it, all combined with Western grit, makes its erection in the near future a certainty.

Good word comes from Simpson College, Iowa. Rapidly increasing numbers and greater activity along all lines of the work are the outgrowth of the energetic efforts of a few members. A gymnasium is now an established fact.

As a result of personal work done at Highland University, Kansas, there are now but two unconverted men in college.

At Wm. Jewell College, Mo., a Bible class has been recently organized, adopting the plan which appeared in the January INTERCOLLEGIAN. The prayer meetings are live ones, and the work being done is earnest and of real worth.

The Middle States.

At Beloit College, Wisconsin, the Day of Prayer was a fitting preparation for the revival which followed. The special meetings were conducted by Mr. Rowland of Grand Rapids, Michigan. About thirty accepted Christ and many Christians reconsecrated their lives to Him. Eight training classes are carried on under the auspices of the Association.

"Aggressive work" is the motto of the Ripon College Association, Wisconsin. It has been especially active in reaching surrounding communities. Different members have visited several near associations where new interest and enthusiasm has been aroused, several have been brought to Christ and \$25.00 has been raised for the State work.

At the University of Wisconsin the Association is maintaining its reputation for being active in all good works. The Missionary Meetings have been very interesting. On one occasion they were addressed by Rev. Mr. Filian of Marsovan, Turkey. Mr. Hicks, the Assistant State Secretary for Wisconsin, is an alumnus of the University. The Association has secured a building lot, and already \$5500 is subscribed for the building. There have been several conversions during the winter.

Successful work is being done at Westfield College, Ill., as a result of efficient committees. A large per cent. of the college men are Christians.

A new feature in the work at the Illinois College is the study of Bible characters in one of the weekly meetings. It is proving a success. More students are attending the meetings and they are gaining a better knowledge of Bible biography.

At **Hedding College, Ill.**, the Association made a special feature during the winter term of a successful and valuable lecture course. A daily prayer meeting is maintained throughout the college year, and is found to be a source of much daily-needed strength. The students are planning for a conference at the college in the middle of May.

Two representatives of the **DePauw College Association** visited that of **Wabash College** on Saturday and Sunday, February 2d and 3d. Three meetings were held. Saturday evening there was an informal reception and conference meeting at which was discussed the organization, methods of work, and general condition of both associations with an interchange of suggestions concerning improvements which might be made. Sunday morning there was a prayer and consecration service for members. Sunday afternoon a general gospel meeting was held in the College Chapel, both of the Sunday meetings being led by the visiting delegates. The results of this first deputation work are as follows:—1st, a closer fellowship established between the associations; 2d, a new spiritual impulse imparted to each, and a new effort on the part of both associations to organize and work more directly for the salvation of men. The more direct results to the **Wabash Association** were the systematizing of their work and the establishing of a *noon prayer meeting*.

Since the return of the delegates from the state convention, the Association at **Denison University, O.**, has taken steps towards securing a room for its exclusive use. Literary societies and fraternities have each their halls, and the Y. M. C. A. does not feel it consistent with its greatest effectiveness to be crowded into a recitation room.

Never in the history of **Hiram College, O.**, was the religious outlook brighter. Especial attention has been given this year to Bible study. In this connection the Association has had three valuable courses of lectures, on "Beginnings" from the book of Genesis, "Bible Analysis," and "Bible Geography." These have awakened a new interest in Bible study among the students. During a series of special meetings, some forty-five accepted Christ, a missionary society has been organized with 100 members, and the hope is soon to support a missionary in the foreign field. The Association has a large and pleasantly furnished room.

The South.

In the near future the **INTERCOLLEGIAN** hopes to have the pleasure of inserting on its first page a cut of the \$15,000 building toward which the **University of North Carolina** is putting forth such earnest and determined efforts, backed by the interest and help of their friends in the community.

At the **Wofford Fitting School, S. C.**, the Association numbers more than one-half of the entire enrollment, and the work is in a very healthful state.

The Association at the **Agricultural College, Miss.**, is the center of the college's religious interest. There has been a special movement against the profanity which was very prevalent early in the year. A membership of about eighty makes the Association sadly feel the need of a room which they propose to secure within a year.

The leading student in the **U. S. Naval Academy** is also President of the Association.

The college Association work has been firmly established among the **Colleges of Georgia** for the first time. They start off with three Associations and mean to have eight or more within a year. The State Committee has placed a strong college committee over the work.

The **Wake Forest Association** has had a remarkable growth. Although formed but a few months ago it now includes over 150 of the 220 students of the college.

During a recent visit of Secretary H. O. Williams to **Washington and Lee University, Va.**, the Association members were greatly quickened and strengthened and several took their first stand for Christ. Two Sunday schools are being vigorously carried on, and much interest is manifested by those who attend. An effort will be made to send a representative to Northfield this summer.

As a result of special meetings recently at **Randolph-Macon College, Va.**, twelve men promised allegiance to Christ. The missionary band of the Association has decided to support a native ministerial student in the foreign field. His reports are to be sent to the band every month, and will keep up their interest.

The Association at **Webb's School, Tenn.**, is taking a new interest in missionary work. Its committee on missions is well posted, so that the monthly meeting is made most interesting. Three members of the Senior class have pledged themselves to go to foreign fields. Many others are thinking seriously on the subject. The Association maintains a vigorous boys' branch.

The East.

At **Allegheny College, Pa.**, the regular Saturday morning class work is suspended for half an hour, and each college class holds a prayer meeting which has proved of great practical value.

There are now under the auspices of the Association at **Washington and Jefferson College, Pa.**, five mission Sunday schools. It is said that there is a falling off in the number of college graduates who enter the ministry, but this does not seem to be true of **Washington and Jefferson**, for in the Senior class of the **Western Theological Seminary** alone there are ten men graduates of '86.

The plan which has been adopted at the **University of Rochester, N. Y.**, of holding the meetings, formerly on Friday evening, Saturday morning, seems to be a good one. Some men have been brought into the meetings whom it would have been difficult to reach at another time.

Cornell University Association is the first college in New York State to employ a General Secretary. With such an officer and a \$40,000 building Cornell ought to do grand work.

As a result of a visit from Mr. Wilder to **Madison University, N. Y.**, thirty-eight have signified their intention of going to foreign fields; and all are taking a new interest in missions. Madison's representative, Mr. W. H. Cossum, expects to sail for China, June, 1890.

Blair Hall Association, N. J., has a larger membership than ever before, and recently a number of associate members have become active members.

Word comes from **Rutgers College** of earnest work being done along all lines. Several Bible classes are in operation. Deputation work is pushed vigorously. Plans are being perfected by which information about the college association work and the Student Volunteer movement will be more generally disseminated among the churches of the state. Deputations to the churches of the city is rousing interest in the hearts of the citizens in the Christian work of the college.

Pennington Seminary, N. J., began the school year with a revival in which some thirty students were converted. There are now inquirers in the meetings every week.

For some time past prayer meetings have been held every evening by the students of **Vermont Academy**. Already some have thus been brought to Christ.

A wonderful impression was made upon the students of **Mt. Hermon, Mass.**, by Mr. Sayford. From fifteen to twenty go out every Sunday to do S. S. work in neglected districts, and to preach. Three of the students are engaged to occupy pulpits throughout the year. Two old students, Messrs. Hyde and Stevenson, are now making a successful evangelistic tour through England and Ireland.

One of the most fruitful branches of the work in **Williams College** is that in the outlying districts of the town. Prayer meetings and Sunday Schools to the number of a dozen are conducted each week. A deputation from Yale was listened to with great interest recently. A talk on "The Call to the Ministry" by a young alumnus, and a stirring address by Mr. Puddefoot were of great help to the Association.

The workers of **Friends' School, Providence**, are greatly encouraged by the increasing interest among the students. During the year a great deal of personal work has been done, and within a few weeks many have made a public confession of Christ, and still the work is going on. Twelve new members have been added to the Association and a Bible training class organized. The Northfield Convention is beginning to claim attention and it is hoped that a large delegation will attend.

The **Harvard University Association** is about to put a number of men in one of the missions at the North End of Boston to be trained preparatory to starting a mission of its own with the beginning of another year.

The **Wesleyan University Association** is working along all lines. A Deputation of five, recently held

public services in one of the churches in Elizabeth, N. J. The Association will send at least one delegate to the National Convention in May.

Phillips Academy, Andover, has tried with much success the plan of holding small prayer meetings in private rooms in addition to the regular public meetings, for the sake of encouraging those unaccustomed to speak, and of reaching more directly non-Christian men. These meetings were very helpful and encouraging to all. Much emphasis was laid upon delegation work in the report from the conference at Worcester, since which time a service has been maintained in a school-house some two miles from Andover. A very pleasant and profitable deputation visit was made to Phillips Exeter early in April.

The N. E. College Conference, at Worcester, proved to be a blessing to the students of the **Academy**. During the conference a number of Christian students volunteered for foreign missions. Directly after, a revival interest sprang up, and over thirty professed conversion.

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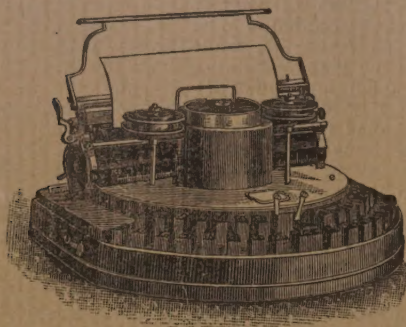
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